

(B) AN INSPECTION TAX OF ONE CENT (1¢) PER BUSHEL IS HEREBY LEVIED UPON ALL OYSTERS CAUGHT OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND IMPORTED INTO THE STATE; SAID TAX SHALL BE PAID BY BUYER AT THE POINT WHERE SUCH OYSTERS ARE TO BE NO FURTHER SHIPPED IN BULK, AND SAID TAX SHALL BE PAID WEEKLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHESAPEAKE BAY AFFAIRS.

(c) A separate permit shall be obtained for shipping each cargo, truckload, or other consignment of oysters in the shell out of this State; and an inspection tax of ~~two~~ TEN cents (~~2¢~~) (10¢) per bushel is hereby levied upon all merchantable oysters shipped in the shell to any place outside the State of Maryland [;], *which tax shall be paid by the shipper at the time of issuance of the permit required by this subsection.* [and each cargo, truckload, or other consignment of such oysters shall be inspected by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and said tax shall be due and payable to said Department by the person shipping or carrying such oysters out of the State of Maryland.] *The tax imposed by this subsection is levied in addition to any or all other taxes imposed on oysters.*

(d) *A severance tax of ~~twenty five~~ TWENTY cents (~~25¢~~) (20¢) per bushel is hereby levied upon all oysters caught or taken within the limits of the natural oyster bars of the State of Maryland exclusive of the Potomac River. The tax shall be collected from the catcher by the first buyer or receiver of the oysters at the time the oysters are purchased or received from the catcher, and shall be paid by the buyer or receiver weekly to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs for deposit to the credit of the Fisheries Research and Development Fund. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any person licensed to catch oysters in Maryland from selling his oysters in the shell directly to a consumer in Maryland. Unless, however, that consumer is a licensed buyer of oysters, the seller of oysters shall assume the obligation placed by this subsection upon the first buyer of the oysters to remit the tax to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs.* ANY FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER SECTION 711 AND CREDITED TO THE FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND SHALL BE USED FOR THE REPLETION OF THE NATURAL OYSTER BARS OF THIS STATE AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSES.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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CHAPTER 624

(House Bill 47)

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 49 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Chancery," subtitle "Inebriates," to provide for the commitment of alcoholics and drug addicts by judges of the