

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 536

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Vegetation” insert “Bed - Prohibited Gear”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “delineations;” in line 8; in line 9, strike beginning with “protection” through “terms” and substitute “submerged aquatic vegetation beds and in certain areas”; in line 10, strike “protection and restoration of” and substitute “prohibition of certain gear in certain”; and in line 11, after “vegetation” insert “beds and in certain areas”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 21, after “(a)” insert “(1)”; in lines 21 and 28, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 21, strike “a hydraulic clam dredge” and substitute “THE FOLLOWING GEAR”; and in line 22, after “bed”, insert “;”

(I) A HYDRAULIC CLAM DREDGE;

(II) A TRADITIONAL BOTTOM DREDGE; OR

(III) A SHINNECOCK RAKE.

(2) THE AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF SMITH ISLAND, SOUTH MARSH ISLAND, AND BLOODSWORTH ISLAND THAT WERE CLOSED TO HYDRAULIC CLAM DREDGING IN THE 1999 DELINEATION SHALL BE CLOSED TO THE GEAR SET FORTH UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND MAY NOT BE REOPENED”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 12 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 13, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “(G)”.