

HOUSE BILL 1504

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources - Shell Dredging - Permit Application**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to apply to the
4 United States Army Corps of Engineers for a certain permit to dredge fossil
5 oyster shells; and generally relating to the dredging of fossil oyster shells.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 4-1103(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 4-1103.

15 (a) The Department shall take measures which in its judgment seem best
16 calculated to increase the productivity or utility of any part of the natural oyster bars
17 of the State, including:

18 (1) Identifying and using effective methods of cleaning diseased oyster
19 bars;

20 (2) Providing clean shell for the bars; [and]

21 (3) Using hatchery produced oysters to replant sites; **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) **APPLYING TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF**
2 **ENGINEERS FOR A PERMIT TO DREDGE FOSSIL OYSTER SHELLS.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2008.