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BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 966
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Method of”; strike beginning with “to” in line 4 down through “(E. coli)” in line 5, and substitute a comma; and in line 6 after “shellfish” insert “to use certain tests for certain purposes; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date, to reconsider the designation of certain restricted waters in accordance with certain testing requirements”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “**THE**” in line 3 down through “**IN**” in line 4, and substitute “**IN**”; and in line 6, after “**SHELLFISH**” insert “**, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT SHALL USE THE MOST RELIABLE AVAILABLE TESTS TO:**”

(I) DETERMINE WHETHER A SHELLFISH PRODUCTION AREA POSES A RISK TO CONSUMER HEALTH; AND

(II) RULE OUT CONTAMINANTS THAT DO NOT POSE A RISK TO CONSUMER HEALTH, INCLUDING BACTERIA FROM VEGETATION”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 5, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before December 31, 2011, in accordance with the testing requirements established in § 4-742 of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the Department of the Environment shall reconsider the

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designation of waters of the State that are currently restricted from shellfish harvesting.

(b) When reconsidering the designation of waters of the State under subsection (a) of this section, the Department of the Environment shall prioritize the reconsideration of areas where there are existing or pending shellfish leases or aquaculture permits.”;

in line 6, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 7, strike “October” and substitute “June”.