

SENATE BILL 984

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By: **Senators Colburn, Dyson, Jacobs, Mathias, Middleton, Pipkin, and Reilly**
Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2013
Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Designation of Oyster Sanctuaries – Moratorium**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from
4 designating a new oyster sanctuary in State waters before a certain date;
5 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
6 designation of oyster sanctuaries.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 4–1006.2
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 4–1006.2.

16 (a) The Department annually shall publish maps and coordinates of oyster
17 sanctuaries, closed oyster harvest reserve areas, and areas closed to shellfish harvest
18 by the Department of the Environment.

19 (b) (1) The Department shall provide the publications required under
20 this section to each tidal fish licensee who pays the oyster surcharges required under
21 § 4–701(e) of this title.

22 (2) Before a person may catch oysters under a tidal fish license that
23 has an oyster authorization and for which the oyster surcharges have been paid, the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 person shall certify to the Department on a form the Department prescribes that the
2 person received the publications required under this section.

3 **(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE**
4 **DEPARTMENT MAY NOT DESIGNATE A NEW OYSTER SANCTUARY IN STATE**
5 **WATERS BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of
8 September 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
9 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.