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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 841
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after “vegetation” insert “, subject to certain requirements and limitations”; in line 7, after “Council” insert “, the Chesapeake Bay Program,”; and after line 15, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-11A-10(c-1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 5, insert:

“(C-1) IN APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF SHELLFISH, BAGS, NETS, OR STRUCTURES ON SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT:

(1) MAY NOT AUTHORIZE HARVESTING BY DREDGE IN AREAS WHERE SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION IS PRESENT;

(2) SHALL AUTHORIZE FOR WATER COLUMN LEASES THE PLACEMENT OF SHELLFISH, BAGS, NETS, OR STRUCTURES IN AT LEAST 10% OF THE AREA WHERE SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION IS PRESENT; AND

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(3) SHALL AUTHORIZE HARVEST BY DIVING IN AREAS ON ANY SUBMERGED LAND LEASE WHERE SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION IS PRESENT.”;

in line 8, after “Council” insert “, the Chesapeake Bay Program,”; in line 10, strike “impact” and substitute “farm-level and cumulative impacts”; in line 11, strike “without” and substitute “with”; in line 14, after “area” insert “and the species, density, and aerial extent of submerged aquatic vegetation in those leases”; in the same line, strike “and”; and in line 15, after “(3)” insert “characteristics of gear types and the nature and frequency of aquaculture practices used on leases where submerged aquatic vegetation is present; and

(4)”.