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BY: Delegate Mautz

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 830
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Substrate**” insert “**and Establishment of Rotational Harvest Pilot Program**”; and in line 15, after “Bay;” insert “establishing the Rotational Harvest Pilot Program;”.

On page 2, in line 15, strike “and” and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after “4-1019.2(g)” insert “, and 4-1102.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 8, after line 31, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

4-1102.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (i) “OYSTER SANCTUARY” INCLUDES:

1. BOTTOMS IN SANCTUARIES IDENTIFIED IN THE 2014 CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED AGREEMENT THAT WERE NOT PLANTED WITH SEED OYSTERS AND ANY OTHER SANCTUARY; AND

2. OTHER OYSTER SANCTUARIES IDENTIFIED AS APPROPRIATE FOR ROTATIONAL HARVEST BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) "OYSTER SANCTUARY" DOES NOT INCLUDE, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, SANCTUARIES IDENTIFIED IN THE 2014 CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED AGREEMENT.

(3) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE ROTATIONAL HARVEST PILOT PROGRAM.

(B) THERE IS A ROTATIONAL HARVEST PILOT PROGRAM.

(C) THE PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) ON SUCCESSFUL EVALUATION BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE OYSTER SANCTUARY CAN SUSTAIN PERIODIC HARVEST, THE DEPARTMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE OYSTER ADVISORY COMMISSION, SHALL OPEN CERTAIN OYSTER SANCTUARIES IN THE STATE FOR LIMITED AND MANAGED ROTATIONAL HARVEST.

(E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(2) REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY INCLUDE:

(I) LIMITS ON DAILY BUSHEL CATCH;

(II) DAYS OF THE WEEK DURING WHICH HARVESTING MAY OCCUR; AND

(III) OTHER MEASURES THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN REGULATIONS IN EFFECT FOR THE OYSTER SEASON.”;

and in line 32, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”.

On page 9, in line 25, strike “4.” and substitute “5.”.

On page 10, in line 8, strike “5.” and substitute “6.”; and in line 20, strike “6.” and substitute “7.”.

On page 11, in line 1, strike “7.” and substitute “8.”; after line 3, insert:

“SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2027, Section 3 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”;

in line 4, strike “8.” and substitute “10.”; and in line 5, strike “7” and substitute “8”.