

April 4, 2019

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 4, 2019, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, vetoed the following piece of legislation passed by the General Assembly; the reason for the veto is indicated:

HB 298
Policy

Delegate Busch, et al

**OYSTERS – TRIBUTARY–SCALE SANCTUARIES – PROTECTION
AND RESTORATION**

Establishing a network of oyster sanctuaries in the five tributaries identified by the Department of Natural Resources for large–scale restoration pursuant to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement; codifying the boundaries of certain oyster sanctuaries; prohibiting a person from catching oysters in or removing oysters from a certain oyster sanctuary, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Department to provide reports on certain restoration plans to certain committees of the General Assembly by certain dates; etc.

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Sincerely,

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