

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1242

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Natural Resources - Crabbing” and substitute “Department of Natural Resources - Crab Seasons - Regulatory Authority”; in line 4, strike “and regulations that restrict” and substitute “restricting”; in the same line, strike “a person” and substitute “that”; in the same line, after “may” insert “be”; strike beginning with “that” in line 5 down through “crabbing” in line 6 and substitute “altering the days of crab season under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations regarding the catching of crabs”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 7 through 13, inclusive; in line 14, strike the brackets and strike “(C)”; after line 19, insert:

“(C) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION OR ANY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTED UNDER § 4-215 OF THIS TITLE, AFTER THE CRAB SEASON HAS BEGUN THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ADOPT ANY REGULATION, UNLESS AN EMERGENCY EXISTS:

(1) RESTRICTING THE NUMBER OF CRAB POTS THAT A PERSON MAY SET FOR CATCHING CRABS; OR

(2) ALTERING THE DAYS OF THE CRAB SEASON.”;

and in line 21, after “1996.” insert “It shall remain effective until March 31, 1999 and, at the end of March 31, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.