

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 524

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In line 4, after “prohibiting” insert “after a certain date”; and in line 5, after “County” insert “; and directing the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a certain study and provide a certain report with recommendations to the General Assembly by a certain date”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Strike beginning with “IN” in line 15 down through the period in line 16 and substitute “IN ST. MARY’S COUNTY, A PERSON MAY NOT HARVEST CRABS WITH A BANK TRAP OR A CHANNEL POUND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

After line 16, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources shall conduct a study of the impacts of bank traps and channel pounds on aquatic animals, including crabs, fish, turtles, birds, and mammals. The Department shall include in its study whether mitigating measures are available to prevent adverse impacts upon aquatic animals. The study shall also consider the effectiveness and enforcement of current bank trap regulations. The study shall continue over a 1-year period and upon completion of this report, and no later than December 1, 1999, the Department shall report its findings to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Economic Affairs Committee. In its report, the Department shall make recommendations as to whether the prohibition on the use of bank traps and channel pounds in St. Mary’s County should be repealed by the General Assembly.”;

and in line 17, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.