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By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Agriculture)**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture - Aquaculture Advisory Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Aquaculture Advisory Committee;

4 ~~giving certain members voting rights~~; and generally relating to the Aquaculture

5 Advisory Committee.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article - Agriculture

8 Section 10-1302(a) and (c)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article - Agriculture

13 Section 10-1302(b)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Agriculture**

19 10-1302.

20 (a) There is an Aquaculture Advisory Committee.

- (b) The Advisory Committee shall consist of 21 members:
- (1) 1 member of the Maryland Senate designated by the President of the Senate;
  - (2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates designated by the Speaker of the House;
  - (3) 1 representative of the Department of Agriculture designated by the Secretary of Agriculture;
  - (4) 1 representative of the Department of Natural Resources Police designated by the Secretary of Natural Resources;
  - (5) 1 representative of the Department of Natural Resources, Tidewater Administration, designated by the Secretary of Natural Resources;
  - (6) 1 representative of the College of Agriculture at the University of Maryland designated by the President of the University of Maryland, College Park;
  - (7) 1 representative of the Department of Business and Economic Development designated by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development †, who shall be a nonvoting member †;
  - (8) 1 representative of the Department of the Environment designated by the Secretary of the Environment †, who shall be a nonvoting member †;
  - (9) 1 representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene †, who shall be a nonvoting member †; and
  - (10) 12 members appointed by the Governor:
    - (i) [4] 5 who shall represent the aquaculture OR AGRICULTURE industry;
    - (ii) 1 who shall represent [seafood packers] THE AQUACULTURE SUPPLIER INDUSTRY;
    - (iii) 1 who shall represent licensed Maryland seafood harvesters;
    - (iv) [1] 2 who shall represent the wholesale and retail seafood industry;
    - (v) [1 who shall represent the agricultural industry;
    - (vi)] 1 who shall represent seafood consumers;
    - [(vii) ] (VI) 1 who shall represent the scientific community; AND
    - [(viii) 1 member of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission; and

1 (ix)] (VII) 1 member of the Boat Act Advisory Commission OR THE  
2 TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION.

3 (c) The Advisory Committee shall formulate and make proposals for  
4 advancing Maryland aquaculture, including recommendations for a fee structure on  
5 aquaculture operations in order to reduce State expenditures on aquaculture  
6 programs.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
8 effect October 1, 1998.