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

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 1999

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hard-Shell Clams - Worcester County**

3 FOR the purpose of deleting a provision prohibiting the catching of hard-shell clams
4 by certain means at certain times in Worcester County; and generally relating to
5 the catching of hard-shell clams in Worcester County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 4-1023
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 4-1023.

15 [Notwithstanding the provisions of this subtitle, the] THE Department may
16 adopt and modify rules and regulations governing catching hard-shell clams in the
17 waters of Worcester County. These rules and regulations may specify the type and
18 size of gear used, maximum quantity of clams caught per day, minimum size of clams
19 caught, season for catching clams, days of the week and hours of the day when clams
20 may be caught or landed, and the areas in which clams may be caught with any type
21 of gear. [A person may not catch clams by handscape, shinnecock rake, hydraulic
22 dredge, or any mechanical means from June 1 to September 15.]

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
24 effect October 1, 1999.