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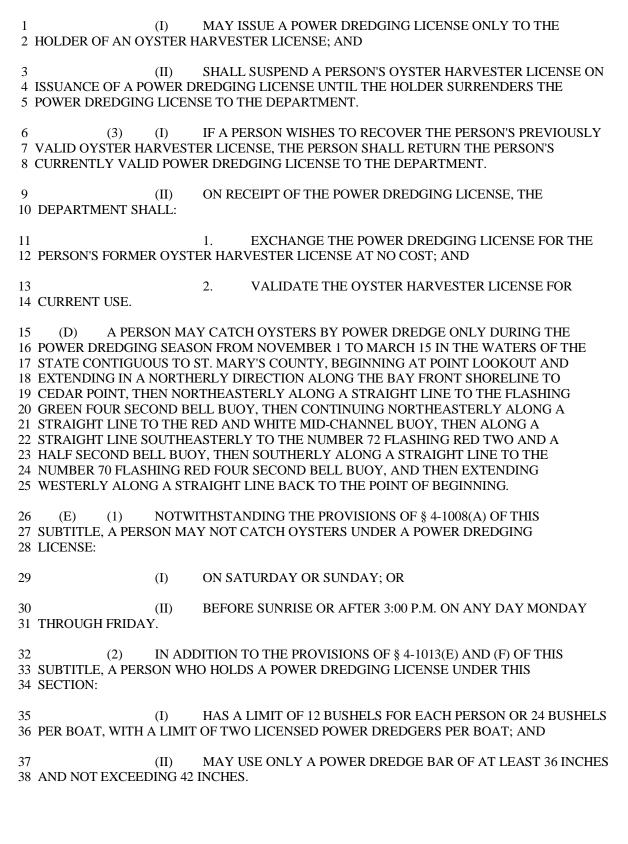
A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 St. Mary's County - Oysters

- 3 FOR the purpose of allowing certain persons to catch oysters by power dredge in
- 4 certain waters contiguous to St. Mary's County under a certain license issued by
- 5 the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the Department to issue
- 6 certain licenses and adopt certain regulations relating to oyster catching by
- 7 power dredge in certain waters; establishing certain restrictions pertaining to
- 8 oyster catching by power dredge in certain waters; providing for the
- 9 establishment of an oyster sanctuary; and generally relating to the catching of
- oysters in waters contiguous to St. Mary's County.
- 11 BY adding to
- 12 Article Natural Resources
- 13 Section 4-1014.1
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 18 Article Natural Resources
- 19 4-1014.1.
- 20 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE IN AND LYING
- 21 CONTIGUOUS TO ST. MARY'S COUNTY IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.
- 22 (B) EXCEPT FOR A PERSON WHO HOLDS A DREDGE BOAT LICENSE FROM THE
- 23 DEPARTMENT AND CATCHES OYSTERS UNDER § 4-1013 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON
- 24 SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE PERSON MAY CATCH
- 25 OYSTERS BY POWER DREDGE IN WATERS SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION.
- 26 (C) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT HOLD AN OYSTER HARVESTER LICENSE AND A
- 27 POWER DREDGING LICENSE SIMULTANEOUSLY.
- 28 (2) THE DEPARTMENT:

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- $1 \hspace{0.1in} (F) \hspace{0.1in} (1) \hspace{0.1in} THE \hspace{0.1in} SECRETARY \hspace{0.1in} SHALL \hspace{0.1in} ADOPT \hspace{0.1in} REGULATIONS \hspace{0.1in} TO \hspace{0.1in} IMPLEMENT \hspace{0.1in} THIS \hspace{0.1in} 2 \hspace{0.1in} SECTION.$
- 3 (2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
- 4 AN OYSTER SANCTUARY OF AT LEAST 100 ACRES WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED IN
- 5 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION. POWER DREDGING FOR OYSTERS SHALL BE
- 6 PROHIBITED IN THE OYSTER SANCTUARY.
- 7 (3) THE REGULATIONS MAY VARY THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER 8 SUBSECTION (E)(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION.
- 9 (4) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER PARAGRAPH
- 10 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PURCHASE OYSTERS AT MARKET
- 11 PRICE FROM A PERSON WHO HAS A POWER DREDGING LICENSE UNDER THIS
- 12 SECTION TO BE TRANSPLANTED FOR RESTORATION PURPOSES TO THE OYSTER
- 13 SANCTUARY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- 14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 15 June 1, 1999.