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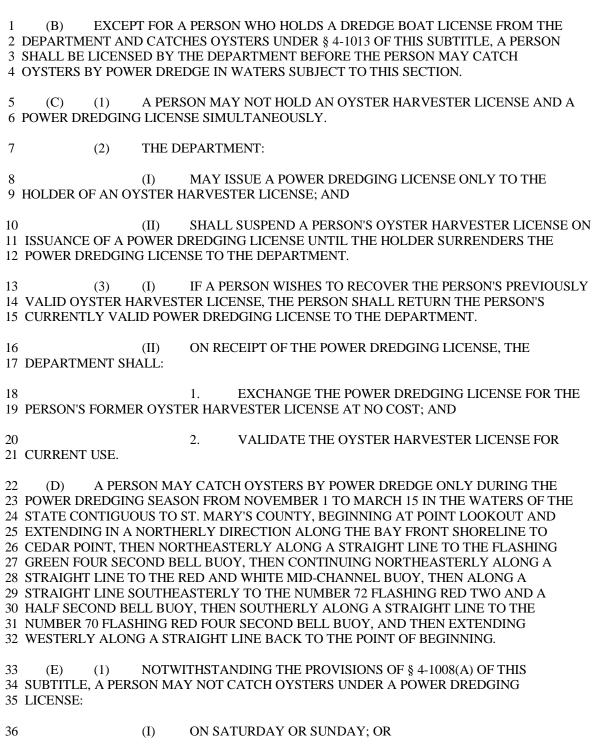
By: Delegate Wood Introduced and read first time: February 16, 1999 Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations Re-referred to: Environmental Matters, February 22, 1999 Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 22, 1999 CHAPTER____ 1 AN ACT concerning 2 St. Mary's County - Oysters 3 FOR the purpose of allowing certain persons to catch oysters by power dredge in certain waters contiguous to St. Mary's County under a certain license issued by the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the Department to issue 5 certain licenses and adopt certain regulations relating to oyster catching by 6 power dredge in certain waters; establishing certain restrictions pertaining to 7 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 10 oysters in waters contiguous to St. Mary's County. 11 BY adding to Article - Natural Resources 12 13 Section 4-1014.1 14 Annotated Code of Maryland (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement) 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 16 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 18 **Article - Natural Resources**

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE IN AND LYING

21 CONTIGUOUS TO ST. MARY'S COUNTY IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

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38 THROUGH FRIDAY.



BEFORE SUNRISE OR AFTER 3:00 P.M. ON ANY DAY MONDAY

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- 1 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF \S 4-1013(E) AND (F) OF THIS 2 SUBTITLE, A PERSON WHO HOLDS A POWER DREDGING LICENSE UNDER THIS
- 3 SECTION:
- 4 (I) HAS A LIMIT OF 12 BUSHELS FOR EACH PERSON OR 24 BUSHELS
- 5 PER BOAT, WITH A LIMIT OF TWO LICENSED POWER DREDGERS PER BOAT; AND
- 6 (II) MAY USE ONLY A POWER DREDGE BAR OF AT LEAST 36 INCHES 7 AND NOT EXCEEDING 42 INCHES.
- 8 (F) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS 9 SECTION.
- 10 (2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
- 11 AN OYSTER SANCTUARY OF AT LEAST 100 ACRES WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED IN
- 12 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION. POWER DREDGING FOR OYSTERS SHALL BE
- 13 PROHIBITED IN THE OYSTER SANCTUARY.
- 14 (3) THE REGULATIONS MAY VARY THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER 15 SUBSECTION (E)(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION.
- 16 (4) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER PARAGRAPH
- 17 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PURCHASE OYSTERS AT MARKET
- 18 PRICE FROM A PERSON WHO HAS A POWER DREDGING LICENSE UNDER THIS
- 19 SECTION TO BE TRANSPLANTED FOR RESTORATION PURPOSES TO THE OYSTER
- 20 SANCTUARY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- 21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 22 June 1, 1999.