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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Study of Nonnative Oyster Species - Findings of the National Academy of**
3 **Sciences**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that certain study of certain nonnative
5 oyster species proceed in accordance with certain findings of the National
6 Academy of Sciences; requiring certain National Academy of Sciences findings
7 be included in certain study to a certain extent; and generally relating to the
8 study of nonnative oyster species.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Chapter 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002
11 Section 1(a)(1) and (d)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002
14 Section 1(a)(2)

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

17 **Chapter 508 of the Acts of 2002**

18 1.

19 (a) (1) The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize the study of
20 the Suminoe oyster (*Crassostrea ariakensis*) and other nonnative species by both
21 private and public research institutions with expertise in the field.

22 (2) The study required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
23 INCLUDE:

24 (i) [Include an] AN analysis of the ecological benefits and risks
25 associated with the introduction of:

26 1. Reproductively capable nonnative oyster species in
27 Maryland waters, for purposes of fisheries restoration or any other purpose; and

