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By: **Senator Colburn**

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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 that certain National Academy of Sciences  
7 findings be included in certain study to a certain extent; and generally relating  
8 to the 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 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, That:

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

