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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fish and Fisheries - Seafood - Aquaculture**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming the Seafood Marketing Authority within the
4 Department to be the Seafood Marketing and Aquaculture Development
5 Program; renaming and altering the duties of the Aquaculture Advisory
6 Committee within the Department; establishing and providing for the duties of
7 the Aquaculture Review Board within the Department; establishing and
8 providing for the duties of the Seafood Program Management Team within the
9 Department; establishing and providing for the duties of the Innovative Seafood
10 Technologies Program within the Department; establishing and providing for
11 the duties of an Aquaculture Coordinator within the Department; requiring the
12 Department of Natural Resources to take certain measures to increase the
13 productivity or utility of the natural oyster bars of the State; requiring, on or
14 before a certain date, the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission within the
15 Department of Natural Resources to conduct certain activities and to, in
16 accordance with certain laws, issue a report to certain legislative committees;
17 making certain technical changes; providing for the termination of a certain
18 provision of this Act; and generally relating to the management of seafood
19 resources in the State.

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
21 Article - Agriculture
22 Section 2-102(c)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
26 Article - Agriculture
27 Section 2-106(a), 10-1001, 10-1002, 10-1301, and 10-1302
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

30 BY adding to

1 Article - Agriculture
2 Section 10-10A-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10A. Seafood Program
3 Management Team"; 10-10B-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
4 10B. Innovative Seafood Technologies Program"; and 10-1302
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 4-204(a) and 4-1103(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Agriculture**

15 2-102.

16 (c) The Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint a deputy
17 secretary who has the duties provided by law or delegated by the Secretary. The
18 deputy secretary serves at the pleasure of the Secretary and shall receive the salary
19 provided in the State budget.

20 2-106.

21 (a) The following positions and units are included within the Department:

- 22 (1) The Tobacco Authority of the State of Maryland;
- 23 (2) The Maryland Agricultural Fair Board;
- 24 (3) The Chief of Weights and Measures;
- 25 (4) The State Chemist;
- 26 (5) The State Veterinarian;
- 27 (6) The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners;
- 28 (7) The State Soil Conservation Committee;
- 29 (8) The Board of Review of the Department of Agriculture;
- 30 (9) The Maryland Agricultural Commission;
- 31 (10) The Maryland Horse Industry Board;

1 (11) The Seafood Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE
2 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM and Division of Market Development;

3 (12) The Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission;

4 (13) The Maryland Winery and Grape Growers' Advisory Board; [and]

5 (14) [Aquaculture Advisory Committee] THE AQUACULTURE REVIEW
6 BOARD; AND

7 (15) THE AQUACULTURE COORDINATING COUNCIL.

8 10-1001.

9 (a) There is a Seafood Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE
10 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM and a Division of Market Development.

11 (b) The Seafood Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT
12 PROGRAM and Division of Market Development shall be part of the Department of
13 Agriculture.

14 (c) The Seafood Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT
15 PROGRAM and Division of Market Development shall have the powers, duties,
16 responsibilities, and functions provided in the laws of this State.

17 10-1002.

18 (a) There is a Seafood Marketing Fund.

19 (b) The Fund may receive proceeds from activities conducted by the Seafood
20 Marketing [Authority] AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. These
21 activities may include cookbook sales, poster sales, seafood festivals, and similar
22 activities.

23 (c) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to administer the Seafood Marketing
24 Fund.

25 SUBTITLE 10A. SEAFOOD PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM.

26 10-10A-01.

27 (A) THERE IS A SEAFOOD PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM TO BE
28 ADMINISTERED BY THE MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION.

29 (B) THE TEAM SHALL:

30 (1) ESTABLISH AND MONITOR A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
31 IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC
32 HEALTH OF THE MARYLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY;

1 (2) PRIORITIZE, SELECT FOR FUNDING, AND OVERSEE SEAFOOD
2 INDUSTRY PROJECTS UNDER A RAPID RESPONSE STRUCTURE; AND

3 (3) EXAMINE NEW TECHNOLOGIES, EQUIPMENT, RAW AND
4 VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS, FEASIBILITY STUDIES, AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT AND
5 COST CONTROL STRATEGIES.

6 (C) THE TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING 17 INDIVIDUALS
7 APPOINTED BY THE DEPARTMENT:

8 (1) 11 MEMBERS INCLUDING:

9 (I) 1 HOLDER OF A TIDAL FISHERIES LICENSE;

10 (II) 1 CRAB PROCESSOR;

11 (III) 1 OYSTER PACKER;

12 (IV) 1 SURF CLAM PROCESSOR;

13 (V) 1 FINFISH PROCESSOR;

14 (VI) 1 VALUE-ADDED PROCESSOR;

15 (VII) 1 WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR;

16 (VIII) 1 SEAFOOD DISTRIBUTOR;

17 (IX) 1 AQUAFARMER;

18 (X) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY SEAFOOD
19 INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION; AND

20 (XI) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND WATERMEN'S
21 ASSOCIATION; AND

22 (2) 7 ADVISORS, INCLUDING 1 REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM:

23 (I) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK;

24 (II) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, EASTERN SHORE;

25 (III) THE DEPARTMENT;

26 (IV) THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

27 (V) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

28 (VI) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; AND

29 (VII) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

1 (D) (1) (I) TEAM MEMBERS SHALL SELECT THE CHAIR FROM AMONG THE
2 TEAM MEMBERS.

3 (II) ONLY TEAM MEMBERS MAY VOTE IN THE SELECTION OF
4 PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED.

5 (2) AT THE INVITATION OF THE MEMBERS, TEAM ADVISORS MAY ASSIST
6 WITH PROJECT DESIGN, PROPOSAL PREPARATION, AND PROJECT-RELATED
7 RESEARCH.

8 (E) IF A PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE TEAM, THE TEAM SHALL MAKE PUBLIC
9 THE PROJECT'S DESIGN AND RESULTS.

10 SUBTITLE 10B. INNOVATIVE SEAFOOD TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM.

11 10-10B-01.

12 (A) THERE IS AN INNOVATIVE SEAFOOD TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM.

13 (B) THE PROGRAM SHALL:

14 (1) WITH INDUSTRY AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTNERS, EVALUATE
15 EACH CORE MARYLAND FISHERY TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF
16 LIMITATIONS ON EXPANSION AND PROFITABILITY AND TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL
17 STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH;

18 (2) CONDUCT APPLIED STUDIES, INCLUDING COMPARISONS OF
19 ALTERNATIVE PROCESSING METHODS OR SPECIES SUBSTITUTION, TO DETERMINE
20 EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT METHODS TO EXPAND THE PRODUCTION AND
21 PROFITABILITY OF THE CORE MARYLAND FISHERIES;

22 (3) CONDUCT MARKET TESTS TO DETERMINE NEW PRODUCT
23 ACCEPTABILITY AND POTENTIAL DEMAND;

24 (4) AS APPROPRIATE, IMPLEMENT PILOT PROJECTS AND SMALL
25 COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATIONS TO RESOLVE ANY OUTSTANDING QUALITY OR
26 PRODUCTION ISSUES AND TO EDUCATE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES,
27 REGULATORS, AND OTHER PARTNERS;

28 (5) SUPPORT THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT
29 INNOVATIVE PROCEDURES AND TO COMPLY WITH ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS; AND

30 (6) ENHANCE THE AWARENESS OF INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS AND
31 PROGRAMS AMONG COMMERCIAL BUYERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

32 (C) AS APPROPRIATE, THE PROGRAM SHALL UTILIZE THE EXPERTISE OF
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEAFOOD PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM, THE SEAFOOD
34 INDUSTRY, INCLUDING SEAFOOD HARVESTERS, PRODUCERS, PROCESSORS, BUYERS,
35 AND FOOD INDUSTRY SUPPLIERS, AND GOVERNMENT AND RELATED ACADEMIC
36 FIELDS.

1 10-1301.

2 (a) (1) The General Assembly defines aquaculture as an agricultural
3 activity.

4 (2) "Aquaculture" includes the commercial rearing of finfish, shellfish,
5 and aquatic plants for sale, trade, barter, or shipment.

6 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to create [an advisory committee]:

7 (1) AN AQUACULTURE REVIEW BOARD AND AN AQUACULTURE
8 COORDINATING COUNCIL to promote the development of an aquaculture industry in
9 this State; AND

10 (2) AN AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR TO ASSIST PERSONS IN
11 OBTAINING THE PERMITS AND LICENSES NECESSARY TO CONDUCT AQUACULTURE
12 IN THE STATE.

13 (c) The Maryland Department of Agriculture is the lead agency for
14 [promoting]:

15 (1) PROMOTING, coordinating, and marketing aquaculture and
16 aquaculture products; AND

17 (2) COORDINATING AND STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF APPLYING
18 FOR A STATE AQUACULTURE PERMIT.

19 (d) The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for enforcement of
20 laws, regulations, and rules.

21 (e) The University of Maryland is the lead agency for research in aquaculture
22 production and shall be responsible for development of education and extension
23 programs which promote aquaculture as an industry.

24 10-1302.

25 (A) THERE IS AN AQUACULTURE REVIEW BOARD.

26 (B) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING 5 MEMBERS,
27 EACH OF WHOM SHALL REPRESENT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATE DEPARTMENTS
28 CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN ASPECT OF THE STATE AQUACULTURE
29 PERMITTING PROCESS OR OVERSIGHT OF PERMIT COMPLIANCE:

30 (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE
31 AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR;

32 (2) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT,
33 DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

34 (3) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL
35 HYGIENE, DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

1 (4) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
2 DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

3 (5) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

4 (C) (1) THE AQUACULTURE COORDINATOR SHALL BE THE SINGLE POINT OF
5 CONTACT FOR AN APPLICANT FOR ALL PERMITS AND LICENSES NECESSARY TO
6 CONDUCT AQUACULTURE IN THE STATE.

7 (2) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL:

8 (I) COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE
9 AQUACULTURE POLICY AND, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE, THE
10 STREAMLINING OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS;

11 (II) TRACK EACH APPLICATION AS IT PROGRESSES THROUGH EACH
12 DEPARTMENT; AND

13 (III) ENSURE FULL AND MEANINGFUL DEPARTMENTAL
14 COMMUNICATION WITH AN APPLICANT DURING EACH STAGE OF THE APPLICATION
15 PROCESS.

16 [10-1302.] 10-1303.

17 (a) There is an Aquaculture [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL.

18 (b) The [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL shall consist of [21]
19 THE FOLLOWING 16 members:

20 (1) 1 member of the Maryland Senate designated by the President of the
21 Senate;

22 (2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates designated by the
23 Speaker of the House;

24 (3) 1 representative of the Department of Agriculture designated by the
25 Secretary of Agriculture;

26 (4) 1 representative of the Department of Natural Resources Police
27 designated by the Secretary of Natural Resources;

28 (5) 1 representative of the Department of Natural Resources, [Tidewater
29 Administration] FISHERIES SERVICE, designated by the Secretary of Natural
30 Resources;

31 (6) [1 representative] 2 REPRESENTATIVES of the [College of
32 Agriculture at the] University of Maryland designated by the President of the
33 University of Maryland, College Park:

34 (I) 1 WITH EXPERTISE IN AQUACULTURE RESEARCH; AND

- 1 (II) 1 REPRESENTING THE MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION;
- 2 (7) 1 representative of the Department of Business and Economic
3 Development designated by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development[,
4 who shall be a nonvoting member];
- 5 (8) 1 representative of the Department of the Environment designated
6 by the Secretary of the Environment[, who shall be a nonvoting member];
- 7 (9) 1 representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
8 designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene[, who shall be a nonvoting
9 member; and]
- 10 (10) [12 members appointed by the Governor:
- 11 (i) 5 who shall represent the aquaculture or agriculture industry;
- 12 (ii) 1 who shall represent the aquaculture supplier industry;
- 13 (iii) 1 who shall represent licensed Maryland seafood harvesters;
- 14 (iv) 2 who shall represent the wholesale and retail seafood industry;
- 15 (v) 1 who shall represent seafood consumers;
- 16 (vi) 1 who shall represent the scientific community; and
- 17 (vii) 1 member of the Boat Act Advisory Commission or the Tidal
18 Fisheries Advisory Commission] 3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AQUACULTURE
19 INDUSTRY DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND
- 20 (11) 3 TIDAL FISHERIES LICENSED HARVESTERS, INCLUDING AT LEAST
21 ONE WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND WATERMEN'S ASSOCIATION DESIGNATED
22 BY THE GOVERNOR.
- 23 (c) (1) The [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL shall
24 [formulate]:
- 25 (I) FORMULATE and make proposals TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN
26 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE
27 EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE
28 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR
29 for advancing Maryland aquaculture, including recommendations for a fee structure
30 on aquaculture operations in order to reduce State expenditures on aquaculture
31 programs;
- 32 (II) ESTABLISH AND MONITOR A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
33 IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC
34 HEALTH OF THE STATE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY;

1 (III) CONDUCT APPLIED STUDIES OF PROJECTS AND PRODUCTS
2 THAT MAY EXPAND THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY IN THE STATE;

3 (IV) CONDUCT MARKET TESTS TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY AND
4 POTENTIAL DEMAND FOR NEW AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS;

5 (V) AS APPROPRIATE, IMPLEMENT PILOT PROJECTS AND SMALL
6 COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATIONS TO RESOLVE ANY OUTSTANDING QUALITY OR
7 PRODUCTION ISSUES AND TO EDUCATE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES,
8 REGULATORS, AND OTHER PARTNERS;

9 (VI) SUPPORT THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY IN ITS EFFORTS TO
10 IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE PROCEDURES AND TO COMPLY WITH ASSOCIATED
11 REGULATIONS;

12 (VII) ENHANCE THE AWARENESS OF INNOVATIVE AQUACULTURE
13 PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMS AMONG COMMERCIAL BUYERS AND THE GENERAL
14 PUBLIC;

15 (VIII) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2006, DEVELOP BEST
16 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT:

17 1. PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR FRESHWATER AND MARINE
18 AQUACULTURE PERMITTING AND COMPLIANCE; AND

19 2. SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR THE ADOPTION OF STATE
20 REGULATIONS REGARDING TIDAL AND NONTIDAL AQUACULTURE;

21 (IX) INVESTIGATE AND, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, ENHANCE THE
22 AREA OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY THAT IS AVAILABLE TO PRIVATE LEASE FOR
23 PURPOSES RELATED TO THE AQUACULTURE AND SEAFOOD INDUSTRIES;

24 (X) PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRE-PERMITTED
25 AQUACULTURE ENTERPRISE ZONES IN THE CHESAPEAKE AND COASTAL BAYS, SO AS
26 TO:

27 1. STREAMLINE THE PERMITTING PROCESS IN THESE
28 ZONES;

29 2. PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN
30 LEASING OPERATIONS;

31 3. ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS WITH HISTORICAL RECORDS
32 IN THE COMMERCIAL FISHERY TO ADAPT THEIR EXPERTISE TO THE RAISING AND
33 HARVESTING OF SEAFOOD BY AQUACULTURE; AND

34 4. UTILIZE AREAS THAT DO NOT IMPACT COMMERCIAL
35 SEAFOOD HARVESTING; AND

1 (XI) ON A REGULAR BASIS, REVIEW STATE REGULATIONS
 2 IMPACTING AQUACULTURE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AQUACULTURE
 3 REVIEW BOARD REGARDING ANY NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE REGULATORY
 4 CHANGES.

5 (2) THE COORDINATING COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES TO
 6 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNCIL, WITH SUBCOMMITTEE TOPICS
 7 AND MEMBERSHIP AS THE COUNCIL DETERMINES TO BE APPROPRIATE.

8 (d) (1) The term of a member appointed by the Governor is 3 years.

9 (2) The terms of the members appointed by the Governor serving on July
 10 1, [1988] 2006 expire as follows:

11 (i) [4] 2 members in [1989] 2007;

12 (ii) [4] 2 members in [1990] 2008; and

13 (iii) [4] 2 members in [1991] 2009.

14 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
 15 appointed and qualifies.

16 (4) A member who is appointed after a term begins serves only for the
 17 rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

18 (5) An appointed member may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

19 (e) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

20 (f) The [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL may elect from
 21 among its [appointed] members a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and other
 22 officers it deems appropriate.

23 (g) The [Advisory Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL shall determine the
 24 time and place of its meetings.

25 (h) The members of the [Committee] COORDINATING COUNCIL may not
 26 receive a salary, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in
 27 attending meetings and other [Committee] COUNCIL business, as provided under the
 28 Standard State Travel Regulations.

29 **Article - Natural Resources**

30 4-1103.

31 (a) The Department shall take measures which in its judgment seem best
 32 calculated to increase the productivity or utility of any part of the natural oyster bars
 33 of the State, INCLUDING:

- 1 (1) IDENTIFYING AND USING EFFECTIVE METHODS OF CLEANING
2 DISEASED OYSTER BARS;
- 3 (2) PROVIDING CLEAN SHELL FOR THE BARS; AND
- 4 (3) USING HATCHERY PRODUCED OYSTERS TO REPLANT SITES.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
6 read as follows:

7 **Article - Natural Resources**

8 4-204.

9 (a) (1) There is a Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission in the Department.

10 (2) The Commission is composed of up to 12 members appointed and
11 serving in accordance with the procedures adopted under § 1-102(c) of this article.

12 (3) Up to eleven commercial watermen and one member of the Sports
13 Fisheries Advisory Commission shall comprise the Commission.

14 (4) The term of a member is 2 years.

15 (5) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2006, THE COMMISSION, IN
16 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY
17 COMMISSION, SHALL:

18 (I) DEVELOP A LONG-TERM PROCESS TO DEFINE AND PRIORITIZE
19 SPECIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES, SO AS TO ENSURE THAT END-USE
20 CONSUMERS HAVE ACCESS TO SEAFOOD COMMERCIALY HARVESTED IN
21 MARYLAND;

22 (II) WITHIN PRIORITY SPECIES, IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE
23 MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND PREFERRED STRATEGIES FOR THE MAXIMIZATION OF
24 A SUSTAINABLE RETURN AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO STATE
25 OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE
26 SPECIES, STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

27 (III) REVIEW EXISTING REGULATIONS AND RECOMMEND CHANGES
28 AS APPROPRIATE; AND

29 (IV) REPORT ON THESE MATTERS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN
30 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE
31 EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE
32 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE.

33 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 June 1, 2005. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7
35 months and, at the end of December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the

1 General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and
2 effect.