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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Aquaculture - Transgenic and Genetically Altered Species - Prohibitions -**
3 **Sunset Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of extending the termination date for provisions of law that prohibit,
5 unless certain conditions are met, the Department of Natural Resources from
6 issuing an aquaculture permit for the raising of transgenic or genetically altered
7 species; and generally relating to aquaculture permits for transgenic or
8 genetically altered species.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 4-11A-01(i) and 4-11A-02(a)(3)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Chapter 54 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001
16 Section 2

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

19 **Article - Natural Resources**

20 4-11A-01.

21 (i) "Transgenic" means an organism into which genetic material from another
22 organism has been experimentally transferred, so that the host acquires the genetic
23 traits of the transferred genes.

24 4-11A-02.

25 (a) (3) The Department may not issue a permit for the raising of a
26 transgenic species or a genetically altered species, unless:

1 (i) The permit limits the aquaculture operation to waters of the
2 State that do not flow into any other body of water; and

3 (ii) The aquaculture operation is constructed in a manner that
4 assures that transgenic or genetically altered stocks are precluded from entering any
5 other waters or contaminating other aquatic species of the State.

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Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2001

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of [5 years] 10 YEARS AND 3
9 MONTHS and, at the end of [September 30, 2006] DECEMBER 31, 2011, with no further
10 action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further
11 force and effect.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2006.