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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Aquaculture Operations - Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting aquaculture operations from certain harvesting
4 restrictions for wild stocks of fish; and generally relating to aquaculture
5 operations.

6 BY adding to
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 4-11A-03
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 4-11A-03.

15 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AQUACULTURE
16 OPERATIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE AND REGULATIONS
17 ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS TITLE THAT ESTABLISH HARVESTING
18 RESTRICTIONS FOR WILD STOCKS OF FISH, INCLUDING:

- 19 (1) SEASON RESTRICTIONS;
20 (2) CATCH LIMITS;
21 (3) MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS;
22 (4) QUOTAS; AND
23 (5) METHOD OF HARVEST RESTRICTIONS.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2006.

