

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 133  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 19, after “harvesting;” insert “requiring the Department to provide certain publications to certain persons under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from catching oysters for sale without providing certain certification to the Department;”; in line 29, after “oysters;” insert “requiring a certain amount of the oyster seed or spat produced at a certain laboratory to be made available to certain leaseholders for purchase;”; and in line 36, after “4-204(c),” insert “4-701(e)(2),”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 8, after line 19, insert:

“4-701.

(e) (2) (I) A person may not catch oysters for sale without [possessing]:

1. POSSESSING a valid license under this section [and paying];

2. PAYING an annual surcharge of \$300 [which shall be used by the Department only for oyster repletion activities]; AND

3. CERTIFYING TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE PERSON RECEIVED THE PUBLICATIONS REQUIRED UNDER § 4-1006.2 OF THIS TITLE.

(Over)

(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE SURCHARGES COLLECTED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH ONLY FOR OYSTER REPLETION ACTIVITIES.”;

and strike beginning with “THE” in line 28 down through “PERSON” in line 29 and substitute “A PERSON MAY CATCH OYSTERS UNDER A TIDAL FISH LICENSE THAT HAS AN OYSTER AUTHORIZATION AND FOR WHICH THE OYSTER SURCHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 14, after line 8, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That one-tenth of the oyster seed or spat produced for planting in accordance with Section 1 of this Act at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Horn Point Laboratory shall be made available for purchase to any leaseholder of land beneath the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries who leased in accordance with Title 4, Subtitle 11A of the Natural Resources Article.”;

in lines 9, 27, and 32, strike “3.”, “4.”, and “5.”, respectively, and substitute “4.”, “5.”, and “6.”, respectively; and in line 33, strike “4” and substitute “5”.