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BY: Senator Stoltzfus

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 473
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL"; in line 3, after "of" insert "requiring certain regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources to establish a permissible bycatch for soft crabs to be no more restrictive than the permissible bycatch for hard crabs and peeler crabs;"; and in line 5, after "crabs;" insert "making this Act an emergency measure;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 17, after "(2)" insert "**(I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS REGULATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

(II);

strike beginning with "**IN**" in line 20 down through "**DEPARTMENT**" in line 21 and substitute "**IF THE BYCATCH IS NOT GREATER THAN ONE UNDERSIZED SOFT CRAB PER DOZEN SOFT CRABS POSSESSED**"; and after line 21, insert:

(3) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING AND GOVERNING A PERMISSIBLE BYCATCH FOR SOFT CRABS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(II) THE REGULATIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS ON THE PERMISSIBLE BYCATCH FOR HARD CRABS AND PEELER CRABS."

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 5 and 6 and substitute:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”