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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 206

(First 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 4, after "crabs" insert "; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations relating to a bycatch for soft crabs; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with "IF" in line 13 down through "POSSESSED" in line 14 and substitute "IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT"; and after line 14, 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."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike beginning with "this" in line 24 down through "2007" in line 25 and substitute "on or before October 1, 2007, the Department of Natural Resources

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shall adopt regulations establishing and governing a permissible bycatch for soft crabs under § 4-809(c) of the Natural Resources Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

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 yea 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. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2009 and, at the end of June 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect”.