

# HOUSE BILL 412

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Oyster Dredge Devices – Termination Date**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law  
4 relating to oyster dredge devices; and generally relating to oyster dredge  
5 devices.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Natural Resources  
8 Section 4–1013(f)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Chapter 166 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004  
13 Section 3

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 4–1013.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) A person may not catch oysters in the waters of the State or possess any  
2 scoop, dredge, handscrape, or similar instrument having a tooth bar more than 42  
3 inches in length measuring from the outside teeth on dredges used in dredging on rock  
4 bottoms or 44 inches in length measuring from the outside teeth on dredges used in  
5 dredging on mud bottoms, or of a weight exceeding 200 pounds.

6 **Chapter 166 of the Acts of 2004**

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2004. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of  
9 September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
10 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2007.