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BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 177

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “requiring” insert “certain dealers to reserve oyster shells for a certain period after the opening of each annual public shellfish fishery season; altering the conditions under which a certain dealer shall reserve certain oyster shells; requiring”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike “harvest” and substitute “PUBLIC SHELLFISH FISHERY”; strike beginning with “replanting” in line 4 down through “shells” in line 5 and substitute “OYSTER RESTORATION, UNLESS THE DEALER PLANTS OR PROVIDES THE SHELLS FOR PLANTING”; and strike beginning with “(1)” in line 6 down through “Department” in line 8 and substitute:

“(1) IN AN AREA PRIVATELY LEASED FOR AQUACULTURE PURPOSES;

(2) ON RIPARIAN BOTTOM AS PROVIDED IN § 4-11A-16 OF THIS TITLE FOR THE PROPAGATION OF OYSTERS; OR

(3) ON PUBLIC SHELLFISH FISHERY AREAS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT”.