

HOUSE BILL 103

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 175

By: **Delegates Eckardt, Cane, Elmore, Haddaway, O'Donnell, and Smigiel**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources - Shell Dredging - Permit Application**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Department of Natural Resources is
4 required to apply to the Department of the Environment and the United States
5 Army Corps of Engineers for permits to dredge buried oyster shells; making this
6 Act and emergency measure; and generally relating to the dredging of buried
7 oyster shells.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Chapter 325 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008
10 Section 2

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

13 **Chapter 325 of the Acts of 2008**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of
15 Natural Resources shall apply to the Department of the Environment and the United
16 States Army Corps of Engineers for permits to dredge buried oyster shells on or before
17 [December 1, 2008] **JULY 1, 2009**, if the Oyster Advisory Committee recommends the
18 application based on its work, including a review of the findings of the draft
19 Environmental Impact Statement concerning evaluation of oyster restoration
20 alternatives for the Chesapeake Bay.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
22 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
23 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
24 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
25 the date it is enacted.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

