

# CHAPTER 212

**(House Bill 103)**

AN ACT concerning

## **Department of Natural Resources – Shell Dredging – Permit Application**

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Department of Natural Resources is required to apply to the Department of the Environment and the United States Army Corps of Engineers for permits to dredge buried oyster shells; making a technical correction; making this Act ~~and an~~ emergency measure; and generally relating to the dredging of buried oyster shells.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 325 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008  
Section 2

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

### **Chapter 325 of the Acts of 2008**

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act 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.

**Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.**