

HOUSE BILL 154

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By: **Delegates Kullen and O'Donnell**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Patuxent River – Oysters – Use of Patent Tongs**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain area in the Patuxent River in which a certain
4 prohibition on the use of patent tongs to catch oysters applies; and generally
5 relating to the use of patent tongs to catch oysters in the Patuxent River.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 4–1011(c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 4–1011.

15 (c) A person may not use patent tongs to catch oysters:

16 (1) In the Patuxent River above and north of a straight line joining
17 [Sotterly Wharf and the beacon at St. Leonard Creek] **THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF**
18 **THE ENTRANCE TO COLE CREEK AND THE BEACON AT BROOMES ISLAND;** or

19 (2) In the tributaries of the Potomac River.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2010.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

