

SENATE BILL 1018

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By: **Senator Colburn**

Introduced and read first time: February 22, 2013

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Oyster Harvesting – Bulk Oyster Tags**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a bulk
4 oyster tag for use by individuals licensed to catch oysters in the State; requiring
5 the Department to authorize an individual to use a single bulk oyster tag to
6 identify multiple containers of oysters harvested from a single bar on a single
7 day; establishing certain requirements for a bulk oyster tag; prohibiting the
8 Department from requiring additional tagging of certain containers; defining a
9 certain term; and generally relating to oyster harvesting.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 4–1018.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 **4–1018.1.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “OYSTER TAG” MEANS ANY DEPARTMENT–ISSUED**
20 **TAG THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE AFFIXED TO A CONTAINER OF OYSTERS BEFORE**
21 **LEAVING THE BAR FROM WHICH THE OYSTERS WERE CAUGHT.**

22 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A BULK OYSTER TAG FOR USE**
23 **BY INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO CATCH OYSTERS IN THE STATE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AUTHORIZE AN INDIVIDUAL TO USE**
2 **A SINGLE BULK OYSTER TAG TO IDENTIFY MULTIPLE CONTAINERS OF OYSTERS**
3 **HARVESTED FROM A SINGLE BAR ON A SINGLE DAY.**

4 **(2) THE BULK OYSTER TAG SHALL INCLUDE:**

5 **(I) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN BOLD CAPITALIZED**
6 **LETTERS: “ALL OYSTER CONTAINERS IN THIS LOT HAVE THE SAME**
7 **HARVEST DATE AND ARE FROM A SINGLE HARVEST AREA”;**

8 **(II) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CONTAINERS OF OYSTERS**
9 **IN THE LOT; AND**

10 **(III) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE**
11 **DEPARTMENT.**

12 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TAGGING**
13 **OF ANY CONTAINER OF OYSTERS IN A LOT COVERED BY A BULK OYSTER TAG.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2013.