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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 696

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “of” insert “repealing the offense for taking oysters with gear that is prohibited in a certain area; establishing an offense for taking oysters with a power dredge in a certain area;”; in line 4, strike “authorizing” and substitute “requiring”; in line 5, after “suspend” insert “or revoke”; in line 6, after “offense” insert “under certain circumstances”; and in line 7, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Department to report certain information each year in accordance with certain requirements to certain committees of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 3, strike “gear that is prohibited in that area” and substitute “A POWER DREDGE IN AN AREA RESERVED FOR ANOTHER TYPE OF GEAR”; in line 15, after “Department” insert “SHALL”; in lines 16 and 17, strike “MAY SUSPEND THE PERSON’S LICENSE TO CATCH OYSTERS” and substitute “IF THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS FOR AN OFFENSE IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE, SUSPEND THE PERSON’S LICENSE TO CATCH OYSTERS FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR”; in line 17, strike “AND”; in line 18, after “(II)” insert “FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, IF THE PERSON HAS BEEN CONVICTED WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS FOR AN OFFENSE IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE, REVOKE THE PERSON’S LICENSE TO CATCH OYSTERS; AND

(III)”;

(Over)

in line 19, strike “shall”; after line 26, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1 of each year, the Department of Natural Resources shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) the number of license suspensions in accordance with § 4-1210(b)(2)(i) of the Natural Resources Article;

(2) the number of license revocations in accordance with § 4-1210(b)(2)(ii) of the Natural Resources Article;

(3) the number of license revocations in accordance with § 4-1210(b)(2)(iii) of the Natural Resources Article; and

(4) the nature of the violations that resulted in a license suspension or revocation in accordance with § 4-1210(b)(2) of the Natural Resources Article.”;

in line 27, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 28, after “2015.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.