

**HB1426/640513/1**

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1426  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “– Location” and substitute “and Public Shellfish Fishery Areas”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “Act” in line 5 and substitute “requiring the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, in consultation with the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, to establish a certain workgroup to review commercial oyster harvest activity and oyster aquaculture production since the establishment of the public shellfish fishery areas and make certain findings and recommendations; requiring the Commission and the Council to report the findings of the workgroup to the Department of Natural Resources and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act”; in line 6, strike “the location of”; in the same line, after “leases” insert “and public shellfish fishery areas”; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 16, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 18, strike “Laws of Maryland read as follows:” and substitute “Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, in consultation with the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, shall:

(1) establish a workgroup of commercial oyster harvesters, representatives of oyster aquaculture in the State, and other interested stakeholders to:

(i) review commercial oyster harvest activity and oyster aquaculture production, including specific areas of harvest and production, since the establishment of the public shellfish fishery areas; and

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(ii) make findings and recommendations with respect to standards for determining areas appropriate for commercial oyster harvest and aquaculture; and

(2) on or before December 1, 2018, report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup as approved by the Commission to the Department of Natural Resources and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 19 on page 5, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 20, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; in the same line, strike “July” and substitute “June”; and in line 21, after “2018.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.