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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 257

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “Crab” insert “Lost and Abandoned”; in the same line, strike “Ghost Panel Requirement” and substitute “Study”; strike beginning with “Secretary” in line 3 down through “pots;” in line 5 and substitute “Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission to study certain adverse impacts caused by lost and abandoned crab pots, identify and assess certain practices and measures for mitigating the problems associated with lost and abandoned crab pots, and make recommendations for addressing problems associated with certain lost and abandoned crab pots; requiring the Commission to report to the Secretary of Natural Resources on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;”; in line 6, strike “requirements for” and substitute “lost and abandoned”; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 11, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 12 on page 1 through line 18 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) The Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, established under § 4–204(a) of the Natural Resources Article, shall:

(1) study, using relevant literature, adverse impacts to fish species and aquatic habitat caused by lost and abandoned crab pots;

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(2) identify and assess practices and measures that could be implemented or adopted to mitigate the problems associated with lost and abandoned crab pots, including:

(i) the feasibility and potential impacts of requiring all crab pots to be equipped with ghost panels;

(ii) costs associated with each mitigating practice and measure considered by the Commission; and

(iii) the optimal timing for implementing any mitigating practices or measures recommended by the Commission; and

(3) make recommendations for addressing problems associated with lost and abandoned crab pots in the State.

(b) On or before December 31, 2020, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Natural Resources.”.

On page 2, in line 19, strike “July” and substitute “June”; and in line 20, after the period insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.