

**HB1228/313326/1**

BY: Delegate Long

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1228  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Oysters** –” insert “**Dredging**.”; in line 7, after “projects;” insert “prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from including the dredging of buried oyster shells on certain shoals as part of a fishery management plan;”; and in line 10, after “surveys;” insert “prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from dredging buried oyster shells on certain shoals;”.

On page 2, and after line 1, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-215(b)(6)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”;

strike line 9 in its entirety and substitute “Section 4–215(e)(6), 4–1019.1, and 4–1019.2(g)”; and in line 14, after “4–1102” insert “and 4–1103”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, after line 17, insert:

“4–215.

(b) The Department shall prepare fishery management plans for the following species:

(6) Oysters;

(e) (6) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-1103 OF THIS TITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT INCLUDE THE DREDGING OF BURIED OYSTER SHELLS ON MAN-O-WAR SHOALS AS PART OF A FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

On page 7, after line 29, insert:

“4-1103.

(a) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Department shall take measures which in its judgment seem best calculated to increase the productivity or utility of oyster resources in the State, including:

[(1)] (I) Identifying and using effective methods of cleaning diseased oyster bars;

[(2)] (II) Providing clean shell for the bars;

[(3)] (III) Using hatchery produced oysters to replant sites; and

[(4)] (IV) Applying for a permit to dredge buried oyster shells.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT DREDGE BURIED OYSTER SHELLS ON MAN-O-WAR SHOALS.