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BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 301
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, after line 22, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before June 1, 2025, and each June 1 for the next 2 years thereafter, the Department of Natural Resources shall report to the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, the Chesapeake Bay Program, and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

(1) the farm-level and cumulative impacts that placing shellfish, bags, nets, or structures on submerged aquatic vegetation with prior written approval from the Department has had on submerged aquatic vegetation and leaseholders;

(2) the number of leases that have submerged aquatic vegetation present in the lease area and the species, density, and aerial extent of submerged aquatic vegetation in those leases;

(3) the characteristics of gear types and the nature and frequency of aquaculture practices used on leases where submerged aquatic vegetation is present;
and

(4) any other information the Department considers necessary.”;

and in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.