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BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 613
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “agent,” insert “requiring the Department to issue complimentary or discounted recreational oyster licenses to certain individuals; authorizing certain individuals to catch oysters without a recreational oyster license under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 32, after “(A)” insert “IN THIS SECTION, “FORMER PRISONER OF WAR” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, WHILE SERVING IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, OR AIR SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, WAS FORCIBLY DETAINED OR INTERNED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY AN ENEMY GOVERNMENT OF ITS AGENTS, OR A HOSTILE FORCE, DURING A PERIOD OF ARMED CONFLICT.

(B)”.

On page 3, in lines 1, 3, 21, 28, and 30, strike “(B)”, “(C)”, “(D)”, “(E)”, and “(F)”, respectively, and substitute “(C)”, “(D)”, “(E)”, “(G)”, and “(H)”, respectively; in line 1, strike “A” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, A”; in line 5, strike “TO” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, TO”; in line 21, after “(1)” insert “(I)”; in lines 23 and 26, strike “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(II)” and “(III)”, respectively; and after line 27, insert:

“(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY RECREATIONAL OYSTER LICENSE TO A RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO CERTIFIES THAT THE RESIDENT IS:

(I) A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR;

(II) AN AMERICAN VETERAN WHO IS DETERMINED TO BE UNEMPLOYABLE BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS;

(III) A 100% SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN; OR

(IV) BLIND.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) ISSUE A DISCOUNTED RECREATIONAL OYSTER LICENSE TO A RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD; AND

(II) DETERMINE THE COST OF THE DISCOUNTED APPLICATION FEE.

(F) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CATCH OYSTERS WITHOUT A RECREATIONAL OYSTER LICENSE IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

(I) OWNS OR LEASES PROPERTY BORDERING TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE; OR

(II) 1. IS THE SPOUSE OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

2. RESIDES ON THE PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(2) (I) BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CATCH OYSTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

- 1. REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT; AND**
- 2. PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ESTABLISH A FEE TO REGISTER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.”.

On page 4, in line 3, strike “(G)” and substitute “(I)”.