

HOUSE BILL 593

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates Jacobs, Adams, Arentz, Boteler, Buckel, Cox, Ghrist, Griffith, Hartman, Hornberger, Howard, Mautz, McComas, McKay, Otto, Reilly, Rose, and Wivell**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources – Oyster Shell Dredging – Permit Application**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to apply, on or before
4 a certain date, to the Department of the Environment and the U.S. Army Corps of
5 Engineers for permits to dredge buried oyster shells on certain oyster bars; requiring
6 that any shell removed from the oyster bars be relocated to public oyster bottom
7 identified by the county oyster committees and the Oyster Recovery Partnership's
8 Board of Directors; and generally relating to oyster shell dredging.

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

11 (a) The Department of Natural Resources shall apply, on or before July 1, 2022,
12 to the Department of the Environment and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for permits
13 to dredge buried oyster shells on the following oyster bars:

14 (1) Belvedere Shoal;

15 (2) Bodkin Point Shoal;

16 (3) Bodkin Point South;

17 (4) Coal Lumps;

18 (5) Entrance Lumps;

19 (6) Flat Rock;

20 (7) Gales Lumps;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (8) Hickory Thicket;
- 2 (9) Hodges Bar;
- 3 (10) Light House Lump;
- 4 (11) Mitchell's Bluff;
- 5 (12) Mountain Point Bar;
- 6 (13) Mud Rock;
- 7 (14) Nine Foot Knoll;
- 8 (15) Phoenix Shoal;
- 9 (16) Plum Point;
- 10 (17) Pooles Island Bar;
- 11 (18) Potomac River;
- 12 (19) Sandy Point Bar;
- 13 (20) Seven Foot Knoll;
- 14 (21) Shad Battery Shoal;
- 15 (22) Six Foot Knoll;
- 16 (23) Snake Reef;
- 17 (24) Sparky's Lump;
- 18 (25) Tea Table/Tea Kettle;
- 19 (26) The Lumps; and
- 20 (27) Worton Point.

21 (b) Any shell removed from public oyster bottom under subsection (a) of this
22 section shall be relocated to public oyster bottom identified by the county oyster committees
23 and the Oyster Recovery Partnership's Board of Directors.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
25 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has

1 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to
2 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
3 enacted.