

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.

**CHAPTER 478**

**(House Bill 1030)**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary's County - Oysters**

FOR the purpose of allowing certain persons to catch oysters by power dredge in certain waters contiguous to St. Mary's County under a certain license issued by the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the Department to issue certain licenses and adopt certain regulations relating to oyster catching by power dredge in certain waters; establishing certain restrictions pertaining to oyster catching by power dredge in certain waters; providing for the establishment of an oyster sanctuary; prohibiting a person from catching oysters in a certain oyster sanctuary; requiring the Department to establish certain regulations establishing certain penalties; requiring the Department to submit a certain report by a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the delayed effective date of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to the catching of oysters in waters contiguous to St. Mary's County.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-1014.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Natural Resources**

4-1014.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE ~~IN AND LYING~~ THAT LIE CONTIGUOUS TO ST. MARY'S COUNTY IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

(B) EXCEPT FOR A PERSON WHO HOLDS A DREDGE BOAT LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND CATCHES OYSTERS UNDER § 4-1013 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE PERSON MAY CATCH OYSTERS BY POWER DREDGE IN WATERS SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT HOLD AN OYSTER HARVESTER LICENSE AND A POWER DREDGING LICENSE SIMULTANEOUSLY.