

marked with buoys or other signage or the person knew or should have known that the harvest of oysters from the area was unlawful; or

(2) a violation of a time restriction for the harvest of oysters by more than 2 hours.

~~SECTION 4.5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect June October 1, 2007. Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 9 months and, at the end of February 29, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

## CHAPTER 114

(House Bill 133)

AN ACT concerning

### Natural Resources - Chesapeake Bay - Oyster Restoration

~~FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to lease land under certain waters of the Chesapeake Bay for oyster restoration; requiring the Department to adopt regulations and condition the leases to require a holder of certain oyster bottom to plant a certain minimum amount of seed oyster on certain surfaces within a certain time frame; authorizing the Department to extend the time frame for planting oyster seed on certain leased oyster bottom under certain circumstances; authorizing a holder of certain leased oyster bottom to catch oysters for certain purposes; establishing that a holder of certain leased oyster bottom may only restore a certain species of oyster; establishing that certain penalties apply for certain unlawful taking of oysters; establishing that certain penalties apply for unlawfully taking oysters in certain areas; altering a certain element of the criminal offense of unlawfully taking oysters; altering the range of time for a tidal fish license suspension that applies to a person who unlawfully takes oysters; establishing a certain additional penalty for a violation of certain time restrictions on catching or landing oysters; requiring the Department to impose certain license suspensions in a certain manner; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations;~~