(House Bill 1251)

AN ACT concerning

Oysters - Catching and Possessing

FOR the purpose of eliminating certain prohibitions relating to the catching and possession of oysters.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 4-1017(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4-1017(c) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1017.

(c) [A person may not catch or possess oysters between April 15 and September 1. However, oysters caught by April 15 may be possessed until April 26.] A PERSON MAY POSSESS OYSTERS CAUGHT FROM THE NATURAL OYSTER BARS OF THE STATE UNTIL ONE WEEK PAST THE CLOSE OF THE SEASON FOR TAKING OYSTERS AS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 4-1008 OF THIS ARTICLE. Oysters may be caught by dredge or handscrape at any time in Worcester County and may be shipped in the shell at any time within or from that county. In counties where oysters may be caught from leased areas at any time pursuant to the provisions of Subtitle 11, a person may possess oysters at any time.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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