SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect $\frac{July}{June}$ 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 605

(House Bill 1101)

AN ACT concerning

Soft-Shell Clams - Catching by Hydraulic Dredge

FOR the purpose of changing certain distances from the shoreline of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers, and their tributaries in St. Mary's County in which clamming by hydraulic dredges is prohibited.

BY adding to

Article — Natural Resources Section 4-1038(a) (6) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1038.

- (a) Except as provided in § 4-1039, a person may not catch soft-shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge in the following waters:
- (6) IN THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY, THE PATUXENT AND POTOMAC RIVERS, AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES WITHIN 150 FEET OF THE SHORELINE FROM SEPTEMBER 16 TO APRIL 15 AND WITHIN 800 FEET OF THE SHORELINE FROM APRIL 16 TO SEPTEMBER 15.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.