

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved April 28, 1981.

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CHAPTER 205

(House Bill 1437)

AN ACT concerning

Oyster Catch Limits

FOR the purpose of providing that a person may, with the approval of the Department of Natural Resources, unload certain oyster catch limits within a certain time.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-1009  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

4-1009.

(a) During the closed season for taking oysters, a person may take seed oysters from the natural bars of the State marked by the Department for a period not exceeding one month in any one year, at times designated by the Department. The seed oysters shall be taken only in accordance with rules and regulations the Department prescribes, sold only to lessees of private oyster grounds, delivered only on leased oyster bottoms and subject to the provisions of § 4-1103(e) of this article.

(b) The Secretary may establish by rule or regulation daily catch limits on the quantities of oysters which may be caught from the natural oyster bars of the State, and may amend the daily catch limits to conserve the public oyster resource. Notice of the establishment or amendment of these catch limits shall be given by publication of notice in at least one newspaper in each county not less than one week prior to the effective date.

(c) A person may not land, sell, or attempt to land or sell on any day oysters from the waters of the State