

enacted by this Act. The publishers shall adequately describe any such correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

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**CHAPTER 441**  
**(Senate Bill 405)**

AN ACT concerning

**Natural Resources – Nonnative Oysters – Introduction**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from introducing a nonnative oyster into State waters without a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources; restricting the Department from introducing a nonnative oyster into State waters or from issuing a permit to another person for an introduction unless certain conditions are met; requiring the Department to satisfy certain conditions before introducing a nonnative oyster into State waters or before issuing a permit to another person for an introduction; providing for certain criminal and civil penalties for certain persons who violate this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the introduction of a nonnative oyster into State waters.

BY renumbering

Article – Natural Resources  
Section 4–1008  
to be Section 4–1008.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources  
Section 4–1008  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, In this region and across the entire continent, the Chesapeake Bay is considered a unique and invaluable natural, historic, cultural, and recreational treasure; and