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(b) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, a guardian with the right to consent to adoption, including a guardian with the right to consent to adoption who was appointed without the consent of the natural parents, shall file a written report with the court and give notice of the child's status to each natural parent of the child under the guardianship and to the child's court-appointed counsel if:

(1) a placement for adoption is not made within 9 months of the decree of guardianship;

(2) a placement for adoption is made within 9 months of the decree of guardianship, but there is a disrupted placement, and a new placement is not made within 120 days of the disrupted placement; or

(3) a final decree of adoption is not entered within 2 years after placement for adoption.

(f) On receipt of the guardian's report under subsection (b) of this section, and every 12 months thereafter, the court:

(1) shall hold a hearing to review the progress which has been made toward the child's adoption and to review whether the child's current placement and circumstances are in the child's best interest; and

(2) shall then take whatever action the court considers appropriate in the child's best interest.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1250 – *Natural Resources – Nonnative Oysters – Introduction*.

This bill prohibits a person from introducing a nonnative oyster into State waters without a permit from the Department of Natural Resources. It requires the Department to satisfy specified conditions before introducing or before issuing a permit to another person for an introduction and provides criminal and civil penalties for those who violate the Act.

Senate Bill 405, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1250.