

Approved May 29, 1984.

CHAPTER 783

(House Bill 1647)

AN ACT concerning

Talbot and Howard Counties - Shellfish -
Harvesting by Wharf Owners

FOR the purpose of allowing in Talbot and Howard Counties the owner of certain wharves or other structures on or about the water to have the exclusive use of certain areas around the wharf or other structure to grow and harvest shellfish; providing for the ownership of certain oysters in Talbot and Howard counties if the oysters are grown in certain containers that are attached to certain piers and wharves; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-1119(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1119.

(b) The owner of any wharf or other structure constructed on or about the water and approved by the corps of engineers, shall have exclusive use, for the purpose of growing and harvesting shellfish, of the area:

(1) [below his] BELOW THE OWNER'S wharf or structure;

AND

~~(2) -- WITHIN 10 FEET OF THE OWNER'S WHARF OR STRUCTURE --~~

(2) IN TALBOT AND HOWARD COUNTIES ONLY, WITHIN 5 FEET OF THE OWNER'S WHARF OR STRUCTURE, OYSTERS GROWN IN TRAYS, BASKETS, OR CONTAINERS THAT ARE ATTACHED TO A PRIVATE PIER OR WHARF BY LINES OR ROPES THAT ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE OWNER OF THE PIER OR WHARF.