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Approved May 8, 1984.

CHAPTER 252 .

(House Bill 1143)

AN ACT concerning

Oysters - Use of Patent Tongs

FOR the purpose of altering the areas in which a person may use patent tongs instead of hand tongs to catch oysters on certain natural oyster bars.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-1001(a), (o), and (r)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-1011(a)
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

4-1001.

(a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(o) "Patent tongs" means any pincers, nippers, tongs, or similar device used to catch oysters and clams raised with rope, cable, or other hoisting gear.