

CHAPTER 574

(House Bill 1478)

AN ACT concerning

Submerged Land - Leasing for Oyster Cultivation

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain educational corporations to acquire and hold leases of submerged land for certain purposes; prohibiting the transfer of certain interests or the attempt to transfer certain interests in submerged land under certain circumstances; and requiring certain interests in submerged lands to revert to the State under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-1108(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-1108(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

4-1108.

(a) (1) The Department may lease, in the name of the State, tracts or parcels of land beneath the waters of the State to residents of the State for protecting, sowing, bedding, or cultivating oysters or other shellfish, subject to the provisions of this section. These submerged lands when leased shall be known as leased oyster bottoms.

(2) (i) Except [for a 4-H club in the State] AS PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, a corporation or joint stock company may not lease or acquire by assignment or otherwise any submerged land of the State for the purposes of this section.