

AN ACT concerning

Aquaculture

FOR the purpose of promoting the development of the aquaculture industry in this State; establishing an ~~Aquaculture Policy Committee--and~~ Aquaculture Advisory Committee; defining aquaculture as an agricultural activity in this State; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to issue permits and inspect aquaculture operation; ~~authorizing the Department to--adopt--regulations to--designate--and--regulate--certain--activities--in--aquaculture enterprise--zones;~~ requiring the Department of Natural Resources to consult ~~and--cooperate~~ with the Aquaculture Policy Advisory Committee in developing certain regulations; ~~repealing certain restrictions on leased oyster bottom--to allow---for---aquaculture---development---under---certain circumstances;~~ allowing the sale of striped bass or hybrids of striped bass by a certain date or upon certain Legislative Policy Committee approval; requiring the Advisory Committee to present a certain legislative proposal by a certain time; providing for an certain effective date dates; and generally relating to the development of the aquaculture industry.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture  
 Section 2-106  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture  
 Section 10-1301 ~~through 10-1303~~ and 10-1302, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 13. Aquaculture"  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
 Section 4-11A-01, 4-11A-02, 4-11A-03, and 4-~~11A-19~~ 4-11A-18, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11A. Aquaculture"