SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act applies on or after January 1, 2000 to the renewal of any policy, contract, certificate, or evidence of coverage under a health benefit plan that a carrier issues or delivers in the State that is in effect before October 1, 1000.

SECTION 4. 5. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

SECTION 6. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 5 and 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 580

(Senate Bill 607)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County - Power Dredging for Oysters

FOR the purpose of allowing a person to requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations that establish certain zones in which a person may power dredge oysters in certain waters of Somerset County under certain conditions; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to designate a certain area as an oyster sanctuary; prohibiting a person from catching oysters in a certain oyster sanctuary or in a certain area closed to hydraulic clam dredging; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations to authorize a certain program for the purchase of certain oysters, to reserve certain areas, and to establish certain penalties; requiring a certain report; repealing certain provisions of law allowing persons to power dredge oysters in certain waters of Somerset County; repealing a certain termination provision of a certain Act; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to power dredging oysters in Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-1014(d) and (f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 576 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997

Section 4

BY repealing