

waters of the State only by hand, rakes, tongs, patent tongs, diving apparatus, dredges, AND [handscrapes,] HANDSCRAPES. [cultch material suspended on strings, in trays, in bags, or similar devices.] Soft-shell clams may be caught by hydraulic or mechanical dredges or rigs.

(b) The Department may make uniform the size and weight of patent tongs in waters where patent tongs are permitted. However, any person using any size or weight patent tongs on June 1, 1964, may continue to use them.

(c) A ~~person~~ LESSEE OF A LEASED OYSTER BOTTOM may catch oyster spat in the waters of the State by METHODS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER THIS SECTION INCLUDING [suspended] means such as cultch material on strings, trays, bags, or similar devices, [which do not touch the bottom and] WHICH do not interfere with navigation.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION THAT ALLOW THE FOLLOWING METHODS TO CATCH SPAT FOR AQUACULTURE PURPOSES A LESSEE OF A LEASED OYSTER BOTTOM TO USE THE FOLLOWING METHODS, IN AREAS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, BUT NOT ON A NATURAL OYSTER BAR, TO CATCH SPAT FOR USE ON THE LEASED OYSTER BOTTOM:

- (1) SUSPENDED DEVICES; AND
- (2) MATERIAL OR DEVICES PLACED ON THE BOTTOM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 15, 2001.

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## CHAPTER 514

(House Bill 968)

AN ACT concerning

### Natural Resources - Angler's License Requirements - Exemptions

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law that requires a certain certification by the administrator of certain State-approved facilities as a condition for a certain exemption for fishing in the waters of the State without an angler's license; providing for an exemption from provisions of law requiring an angler's license for certain persons under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to exemptions to provisions of law that require an angler's license to fish in the waters of the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Natural Resources