

WHEREAS, Telework benefits companies by allowing employees to work outside the traditional environment, whether at home or in a satellite office, thereby reducing traffic congestion on the State's highways and roads, producing less pollution, and lowering energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, Telework also benefits employers by reducing operating costs and increasing employee retention and morale; and

WHEREAS, Telework affords employees flexible work arrangements and reduced commuting costs, thereby providing a better work-family balance, reduced stress, improved job satisfaction, and reduced travel time and expense; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, ~~That, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, That~~ the Maryland Department of Transportation shall engage ~~the services of an independent consultant to~~, within currently budgeted resources, evaluate the Department's Telework Partnership with Employers initiative. The Department shall ~~require that~~, on or before December 31, 2007, ~~the consultant~~ issue a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the telework initiative to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

CHAPTER 266

(House Bill 1158)

AN ACT concerning

Shellfish Dealers - Licensure

FOR the purpose of requiring a person who deals in shellfish to obtain a license issued by the Department of Natural Resources; providing for certain exceptions to the licensure requirement for a person who deals in shellfish; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations to define the species that are included as shellfish for certain purposes; and generally relating to the licensure of shellfish dealers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,