

## CHAPTER 402

(House Bill 412)

AN ACT concerning

### Natural Resources - Oyster Dredge Devices - Termination Date

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ extending the termination date for certain provisions of law relating to oyster dredge devices; and generally relating to oyster dredge devices.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-1013(f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 166 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004  
Section 3

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

#### Article - Natural Resources

4-1013.

(f) A person may not catch oysters in the waters of the State or possess any scoop, dredge, handscrape, or similar instrument having a tooth bar more than 42 inches in length measuring from the outside teeth on dredges used in dredging on rock bottoms or 44 inches in length measuring from the outside teeth on dredges used in dredging on mud bottoms, or of a weight exceeding 200 pounds.

#### Chapter 166 of the Acts of 2004

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004. ~~It shall remain effective for a period of 3 5 years and, at the end of September 30, 2007 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

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