



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5722

LCO No. 4680



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF CERTAIN OYSTERS THAT ARE TWO AND ONE-HALF INCHES IN LENGTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-234b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 No person may take eastern oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) from the
4 waters of this state which are less than three inches long or which are
5 otherwise not ready for harvest, as determined by the Commissioner
6 of Agriculture, except that: [the] (1) The taking of such oysters for sale,
7 transplant and relay for aquaculture purposes within the waters of the
8 state shall not be prohibited, and (2) eastern oysters that are two and
9 one-half inches in length may be taken if such oysters were cultivated
10 in a confined apparatus prior to such harvesting. The Commissioner of
11 Agriculture may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions
12 of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2015	26-234b
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Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the taking of oysters that are two and one-half inches in length if such oysters are cultivated in a confined apparatus prior to such harvesting.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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