

# HOUSE BILL 218

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Oysters – Dredge Devices**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition on a person on a dredge boat possessing or  
4 using certain dredge devices; and generally relating to oyster dredge devices.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Natural Resources  
7 Section 4–1013(f)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Natural Resources**

13 4–1013.

14 (f) A person may not catch oysters in the waters of the State or possess any  
15 scoop, dredge, handscape, or similar instrument having a tooth bar more than 42

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 inches in length measuring from the outside teeth on dredges used in dredging on rock  
2 bottoms or 44 inches in length measuring from the outside teeth on dredges used in  
3 dredging on mud bottoms, or of a weight exceeding 200 pounds. [The captain or any  
4 other person may not possess or use a “devil catcher” or “devil diver”, or similar device  
5 on any dredge boat to be attached to the dredge for steering it to the bottom.]

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 July 1, 2010.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.