

Chapter 660

(House Bill 218)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Oysters – Dredge Devices

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

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

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. [The captain or any other person may not possess or use a “devil catcher” or “devil diver”, or similar device on any dredge boat to be attached to the dredge for steering it to the bottom.]

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

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.