

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1032

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Fish and Fisheries” and substitute “Technical Advisory Group”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “prohibiting” in line 6 and substitute “requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a technical advisory group on the use of gill nets; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to select the members of the technical advisory group; requiring the technical advisory group to be composed of certain numbers of certain individuals; requiring the technical advisory group to make certain recommendations and to submit the recommendations to the Secretary on or before a certain date; requiring the Secretary to consider the adoption of certain regulations based on certain recommendations; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to”; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 22, inclusive; in line 24, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and strike in its entirety line 25.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 27 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of Natural Resources shall establish a technical advisory group on the use of gill nets, including the effect of the use of gill nets on:

- (1) the population of fish in State waters; and
- (2) the enforcement of the State’s fishery laws.

(b) The technical advisory group shall be composed of individuals, selected by the Secretary of Natural Resources, with experience and expertise in both sportfishing and commercial fishing, and shall include:

(Over)

(1) two representatives of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfisherman's Association;

(2) two representatives of the Maryland Watermen's Association;

(3) at least one representative of the Natural Resources Police; and

(4) employees of the Fisheries Service in the Department of Natural Resources.

(c) The technical advisory group shall develop recommendations for the regulation of the use of gill nets.

(d) In conducting its work, the technical advisory group shall solicit and obtain public input, including input from:

(1) individuals who work in the commercial fishing industry in the State;

(2) individuals who engage in sportfishing in the State; and

(3) individuals with expertise in marine science.

(e) On or before September 1, 2013, the technical advisory group shall submit its recommendations to the Secretary of Natural Resources.

(f) Based on the recommendations of the technical advisory group, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall consider the adoption of regulations regarding the use of gill nets for catching fish in State waters."

On page 6, in line 29, after “2012.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of September 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.