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LCO No. 3736

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION OF HARVESTED SHELLFISH.

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-192k of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Department of Agriculture shall allow the relay of shellfish
4 from shellfish grounds classified as restricted relay to other grounds in
5 accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model
6 Ordinance, as amended from time to time, regarding restricted
7 shellfish relay. The department shall allow the harvest of shellfish from
8 shellfish grounds classified as approved for market on the same day
9 using the same vessel, provided the harvester first harvests the
10 approved market product and lands the product to shore. A harvester
11 shall not begin the relay of shellfish from shellfish grounds classified
12 as restricted relay until all shellfish harvested first from approved
13 market grounds, in market quantities, have been removed from the
14 vessel. Such harvester shall not begin such relay until after the
15 harvester has notified the Department of Environmental Protection of
16 such relay. The harvester shall provide all information required by the

17 Department of Agriculture regarding shellfish relays to the
18 Department of Environmental Protection at the time of such
19 notification. For the remainder of the day, the harvester shall not
20 harvest approved market shellfish after beginning such relay.

21 (b) All tag identification information regarding shellfish harvest
22 locations shall be confidential, provided the harvester of the shellfish
23 marks the tag with a unique code corresponding to the shellfish
24 harvest location. [Such harvester shall provide the Department of
25 Agriculture] The Department of Agriculture shall provide such
26 harvester and the Department of Environmental Protection with a
27 written code key detailing the harvest location and corresponding code
28 to be used by the harvester.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-192k

Statement of Purpose:

To allow for shellfish harvest location confidentiality by requiring the Department of Agriculture to issue a shellfish lot harvest location code key to the shellfish harvester assigned to such lot.

[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.]