



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 803

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF OYSTER HARVESTERS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Economic and
2 Community Development shall study the development of
3 entrepreneurial programs for the next generation of oyster harvesters
4 in the waters between and adjoining the islands known as the Thimble
5 Islands and the waters adjoining the area known as Pawson Park. Such
6 study shall include, but not be limited to, evaluating the number of
7 young oyster harvesters and whether it is feasible for such harvesters
8 to develop an entrepreneurial business in said locations. On or before
9 July 1, 2015, the department shall submit a report, in accordance with
10 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
11 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
12 commerce and environment, evaluating the study and recommending
13 whether to develop a pilot program or permanent program to develop
14 entrepreneurial programs for young oyster harvesters. In the event the
15 Department of Economic and Community Development recommends
16 a pilot program or permanent program, said department shall submit
17 a copy of such report to the Department of Transportation. The
18 Department of Transportation shall comment on the feasibility of
19 developing any such program not more than sixty days after such
20 report has been submitted to said department.

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public Health shall
22 study the effects on public health of consuming eastern oysters
23 (*Crassostrea virginica*) which are between two and three inches long.
24 On or before July 1, 2015, said department shall report, in accordance
25 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of such study to
26 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
27 cognizance of matters relating to commerce, environment and public
28 health.

29 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of fifty thousand dollars is
30 appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community
31 Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
32 30, 2014, for the payment of costs incurred by said department in
33 completing the study pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*