



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5087

LCO No. 805



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STEALING OF SHELLFISH.

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Any person who, in the daytime, unlawfully takes and carries away
4 any [oysters] shellfish lawfully planted or cultivated in any waters, or
5 any [oysters] shellfish being on any place designated for the planting
6 or cultivation of [oysters] shellfish, shall be fined not more than three
7 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year; and, if such
8 offense is committed in the night season, [he] such person shall be
9 fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than
10 one year.

11 Sec. 2. Section 26-226 of the general statutes is repealed and the
12 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

13 Any person who wilfully injures any [oyster] shellfish enclosure
14 legally designated, marked out and enclosed or removes any buoys or

15 stakes used to mark out any [oyster] shellfish ground, or who takes
16 any shells from such enclosure, shall (1) for a first offense, be fined not
17 more than two hundred fifty dollars, and (2) for any subsequent
18 offense, be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-225
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	26-226

Statement of Purpose:

To apply the penalties that are currently in effect for the stealing of oysters and the injuring of oyster enclosures to all shellfish.

[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.]