

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5364**

LCO No. 2618

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF HORSESHOE CRABS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No person shall engage
2 in the hand-harvest of horseshoe crabs from any area of the shoreline
3 located in the town of Stratford between Stratford Point and Sniffen
4 Point.

5 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
6 section shall have committed an infraction.

7 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2020,
8 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
9 submit recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
10 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
11 environment on the establishment of any restricted areas for the taking
12 of horseshoe crabs in the state and any changes to the season for the
13 taking of horseshoe crabs in the state for the purpose of preserving the
14 horseshoe crab population in the state.

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