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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 799

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Aquaculture Coordinating Council – Application of Tidal Wetlands Permit Requirements to Aquaculture Operations – Study”; strike beginning with “exempting” in line 3 down through “definition” in line 12 and substitute “requiring the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, in coordination with the Department of the Environment, to review certain policies and submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act”; in line 13, strike “wetlands license or” and substitute “the application of State or tidal wetlands license and”; in the same line, strike “for” and substitute “to”; in lines 13 and 14, strike “leases and shellfish nursery”; and in line 14, after “operations” insert “in the State”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 11 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 13, after “the” insert “Aquaculture Coordinating Council, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, shall:

(1) review the policies of the Department of the Environment regarding the application of State or tidal wetlands license and permit requirements to aquaculture operations in the State; and

(2) in addition to the reporting requirement under § 4–11A–03.2 of the Natural Resources Article, and on or before December 1, 2021, report to the Governor

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and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, on changes necessary to eliminate conflicts or redundancies in the oversight of aquaculture operations by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources.”.

On pages 2 through 6, strike beginning with “Laws” in line 13 on page 2 down through the period in line 16 on page 6.

On page 6, in lines 17 and 18, strike “shall take effect October 1, 2021” and substitute “is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through May 31, 2022, and, at the end of May 31, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect”.