

# HOUSE BILL 500

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HB 40/19 – ENT

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dredging on Man-O-War Shoals – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from dredging buried  
4 oyster shells on Man-O-War Shoals as part of carrying out certain duties; and  
5 generally relating to the management of the State's oyster culture by the  
6 Department of Natural Resources.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 4–1103(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 4–1103.

16 (a) **(1)** ~~[The]~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
17 **SUBSECTION, THE** Department shall take measures which in its judgment seem best  
18 calculated to increase the productivity or utility of oyster resources in the State, including:

19 ~~[(1)]~~ **(I)** Identifying and using effective methods of cleaning diseased  
20 oyster bars;

21 ~~[(2)]~~ **(II)** Providing clean shell for the bars;

22 ~~[(3)]~~ **(III)** Using hatchery produced oysters to replant sites; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1            ~~[(4)]~~ (IV) Applying for a permit to dredge buried oyster shells.

2            **(2) IN CARRYING OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF**  
3 **THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT DREDGE BURIED OYSTER SHELLS**  
4 **ON MAN-O-WAR SHOALS.**

5            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
6 1, 2022.