

SENATE BILL 634

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CF HB 1084

By: **Senator Mautz**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Oyster Inspection and Severance Taxes – Increase**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of the inspection tax levied on marketable
4 oysters shipped in the shell to any place outside the State; increasing the amount of
5 the severance tax levied on oysters caught within certain natural oyster bars;
6 repealing a certain requirement that a certain tax increase be used for the oyster
7 seed program in a certain manner; requiring that a certain amount of the severance
8 tax levied be ~~distributed to~~ used by certain county oyster committees; and generally
9 relating to oyster inspection and severance taxes.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 4–1020(a) through (c)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 4–1020.

19 (a) **(1)** A separate permit shall be obtained for shipping each cargo, truckload,
20 or other consignment of oysters in the shell out of the State.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~(VII)~~ Somerset;

2 ~~(VIII)~~ St. Mary's;

3 ~~(IX)~~ Talbot; and

4 ~~(X)~~ Wicomico.

5 ~~(3)~~ (2) OF THE SEVERANCE TAX COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION
 6 (B) OF THIS SECTION, \$1 OF EACH \$2 COLLECTED SHALL BE ~~DISTRIBUTED TO~~ USED
 7 BY THE COUNTY OYSTER COMMITTEES IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES FOR THE
 8 REPLETION OF NATURAL OYSTER BARS LOCATED IN THE WATERS OF THE COUNTY:

9 (I) ANNE ARUNDEL;

10 (II) BALTIMORE;

11 ~~(III)~~ (III) CALVERT;

12 ~~(IV)~~ (IV) CHARLES;

13 ~~(V)~~ (V) DORCHESTER;

14 ~~(VI)~~ (VI) KENT;

15 ~~(VII)~~ (VII) QUEEN ANNE'S;

16 ~~(VIII)~~ (VIII) SOMERSET;

17 ~~(IX)~~ (IX) ST. MARY'S;

18 ~~(X)~~ (X) TALBOT; AND

19 ~~(XI)~~ (XI) WICOMICO.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 21 1, 2023.