

BY: Senator Eckardt

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 298
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 14, after “date;” insert “requiring the Department, in cooperation with the Oyster Advisory Commission, to develop a certain public fishery rotational harvesting pilot program;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, after line 30, insert:

“(e) (1) The Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Oyster Advisory Commission, shall develop a public fishery rotational harvesting pilot program.

(2) The pilot program shall:

(i) maintain the State’s Bay-wide sanctuary ratio at or above 20%;

(ii) be located in a portion of the upper Chester River sanctuary;

(iii) utilize not more than 2,500 acres of historic oyster bottom;
and

(iv) be located in the mainstem of the Chester River and retain the creeks as sanctuary.

(3) The pilot program may not include any portion of the sanctuary that has been planted with seed by a local entity in the rotational harvesting area.”.