



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 148

LCO No. 1000



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO AQUACULTURE RELATED STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 26-192e of the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (b) The department shall [, by written order, promulgate] determine
5 definite bounds of the area or areas closed to shellfishing when
6 classified as conditional-closed, conditionally restricted, restricted or
7 prohibited. Such [order] determination shall become effective when (1)
8 [the closure classification is published in a newspaper having circulation
9 in towns, cities and boroughs in which or adjacent to which any such
10 area is situated; (2)] the classification is filed in writing or electronically
11 in the offices of the clerk and the director of health in each such town,
12 city or borough, [and (3)] (2) signs are posted at points on or near every
13 such classified area, and (3) notice of the closure is posted on the
14 department's Internet web site.

15 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,

16 when the Commissioner of Agriculture, after consultation with the
17 Commissioner of Public Health, finds that tidal flats, shores or coastal
18 waters which may contain shellfish are so contaminated or polluted that
19 a health emergency exists, [he] the commissioner may close such area
20 for the duration of such emergency by giving notice of such emergency
21 closure [(1)] in writing to the municipal or district health authority. [,
22 and (2) to the general public by publication in a newspaper having
23 general circulation in the town, city or borough within which such area
24 lies.] Such notice shall state when the closing shall take effect.

25 Sec. 2. Section 26-206 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective from*
26 *passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-192e(b) and (c)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the notification procedure for designation of shellfish areas that are closed to harvesting due to contamination or pollution.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]