



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 5177



Offered by:

SEN. HARDING, 30th Dist.

SEN. SOMERS, 18th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 148

File No. 73

Cal. No. 73

(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO AQUACULTURE-RELATED STATUTES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-234b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

5 No person may take eastern oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) from the
6 waters of this state which are less than [three] two and seven-eighths
7 inches long or which are otherwise not ready for harvest, as determined
8 by the Commissioner of Agriculture, except that the taking of such
9 oysters for sale, transplant and relay for aquaculture purposes within
10 the waters of the state shall not be prohibited. The Commissioner of
11 Agriculture may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions
12 of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	26-234b
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