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A BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-807 of the Code of Virginia, relating to condemned growing beds; electronic maps.

Patron—Guy

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 28.2-807 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-807. Condemnation of polluted growing area; procedure.

If, after examination of the crustacea, finfish or shellfish in a growing area, or the bottom in or adjacent to such area, or the water over such area, or the sanitary or pollution conditions adjacent to or in near proximity to a growing area, the State Health Commissioner determines that the crustacea, finfish or shellfish are unfit for market, he shall, after notifying the Commissioner of Marine Resources, establish boundaries of the area in which the crustacea, finfish or shellfish are located or planted. This area shall be condemned and remain so until the Health Commissioner finds such crustacea, finfish or shellfish, or area, sanitary and not polluted. The Commissioner of Marine Resources, with instructions from the State Health Commissioner, shall ~~erect~~ *provide to the public identification of designated condemned areas. Public identification of designated condemned areas shall be by the use of markers or, signs designating condemned areas. The necessary, downloadable maps, or digital interactive online maps. When used,* markers or signs shall be supplied to the Commissioner of Marine Resources by the State Health Commissioner.

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