



# SENATE BILL 444: Allow Use of Oyster Shells As Serving Dishes.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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| <b>Analysis of:</b>   | S.L. 2019-141 |                     |                                     |

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2019-141 permits oyster shells to be re-used to serve cooked oysters.*

*This act became effective October 1, 2019.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** S.L. 2019-141 permits restaurants to re-use oyster shells to serve cooked, shucked oysters, provided that all of the following apply:

- The restaurant posts a sign advising the public oyster shells are re-used to serve cooked oysters.
- The shell is protected from contamination by boiling it for 10 minutes, drying it, and refrigerating it until it is used.
- The shell is re-used within 48 hours after the oyster is removed from the shell.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act became effective October 1, 2019.

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