



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

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Health Care. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	April 15, 2019
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 444 would permit oyster shells to be re-used to serve cooked oysters.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would permit 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 would be effective October 1, 2019.

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