

HB277 ENROLLED



1 HB277
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3 Relating to serving oysters; to authorize oyster
4 aquaculture licensees to harvest and serve oysters from the
5 aquaculture facility for product tasting.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the term
8 "product tasting" means providing oysters at no cost to the
9 consumer for sampling to determine the qualities of the
10 oysters such as taste and texture.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary,
12 including a permit or licensure requirement, an oyster
13 aquaculture licensee may harvest, shuck, and serve oysters
14 from the aquaculture facility for product tasting.

15 (c) Subsection (b) shall not be construed to exempt the
16 harvest of oysters from any harvest restrictions levied
17 pursuant to Section 9-12-126, Code of Alabama 1975.

18 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
19 1, 2026.

