

Senate Bill 38

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-4-194 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 minimum size of shellfish which may be taken for commercial or noncommercial purposes,  
3 so as to provide that it shall be lawful to take or possess clams when the maximum depth of  
4 the shell of the clam measures less than three-fourths' inch thickness; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 27-4-194 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the minimum  
10 size of shellfish which may be taken for commercial or noncommercial purposes, is amended  
11 by striking in its entirety subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(b) It shall be unlawful to take or possess any clam for commercial or recreational  
13 purposes when the maximum depth of the shell of the clam measures less than ~~one~~ three-  
14 fourths' inch thickness from one shell half to the other unless prior written approval has  
15 been obtained from the department and such approval is on the person of the harvester or  
16 person in possession of the clam."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.