

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-217

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-604, 4-614(a), and 4-745(a)

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

4-217.

(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A 1-DAY LICENSE EXEMPTION TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO TAKE INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES FISHING FROM SHORE IN THE TIDAL OR NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE.

(2) THE PRIMARY CAREGIVER OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ORGANIZATION ATTENDING TO THE DISABLED INDIVIDUALS IS INCLUDED IN THE LICENSE EXEMPTION.

(B) APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE EXEMPTION FOR AN ORGANIZATION ATTENDING TO DISABLED INDIVIDUALS SHALL STATE THE LOCATION, TIME, AND DAY OF THE EVENT AND THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE EXEMPTION.

(C) THE PRIMARY CAREGIVER OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL HAVE IN POSSESSION THE LETTER OF EXEMPTION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE FISHERIES SERVICE WHILE THE ORGANIZATION IS ENGAGED IN FISHING ACTIVITY.

(D) AN INDIVIDUAL COVERED UNDER THE ORGANIZATION'S LICENSE EXEMPTION MAY:

(1) ENGAGE IN ANGLING ON THE NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE WITHOUT HOLDING AN ANGLER'S LICENSE UNDER § 4-604 OF THIS TITLE;

(2) ENGAGE IN ANGLING FOR TROUT ON THE NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE WITHOUT HOLDING A TROUT STAMP UNDER § 4-614 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(3) FISH FOR FINFISH IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES WITHOUT HOLDING A CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT FISHING LICENSE UNDER § 4-745 OF THIS TITLE.