

4-703 of the Natural Resources Article shall be issued a license commensurate with the category applied for upon completion of a 2-year waiting period beginning from the time of application and provided that the person pays all fees required under the appropriate provision of Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 4. ~~3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding any regulation adopted by the Department of Natural Resources to the contrary:

(1) A person catching crabs for recreational purposes may begin crabbing at 5:30 a.m. on any day;

(2) The per person limit on the number of collapsible crab traps and crab net rings that may be used to catch crabs for recreational purposes, in any combination, is 10, except that, regardless of the number of people on a boat, up to 25 collapsible crab traps and rings, in any combination, may be used for recreational purposes per boat; and

(3) Notwithstanding a requirement that crab pots have unobstructed cull rings, a person may obstruct the cull ring of a crab pot at any time of the year in order to catch peeler crabs.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources shall explore and pursue implementation of a regulation to allow recreational fishing for crabs in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries until sunset from boats with a limited number of hand lines, and the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, no later than May 15, 1994 on its progress in implementing the regulation.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That with no further action required by the General Assembly, ~~Section 2 of~~ this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect on April 1, ~~1996~~ 1999.

SECTION ~~5.~~ ~~4.~~ ~~6.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 2, 1994.

CHAPTER 185

(Senate Bill 503)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Ward Brothers Homeplace

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000 \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Ward Brothers Homeplace, Inc. for the restoration of the Ward Brothers Homeplace at