

CHAPTER 414

(House Bill 809)

AN ACT concerning

Angler's Licenses - Nontidal Waters - Nonresident License Fees

FOR the purpose of modifying the fees for certain nonresident fishing licenses to provide that the fee shall be either a specified amount or the fee charged to a Maryland resident for a similar license by the nonresident's home state, whichever is greater; limiting how certain revenues may be used; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report annually in a certain manner on certain information; and generally relating to certain nonresident fishing licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-604

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

4-604.

(a) This section provides a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing game and freshwater fish and preventing unauthorized persons from fishing or attempting to fish for any game and freshwater fish without first procuring an angler's license.

(b) (1) In this section, "resident" means a person who resides in this State on the date he applies for a license.

(2) "Resident" includes a member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and stationed officially in this State.

(c) Any person 16 years old or older shall secure an angler's license to fish in the nontidal waters of the State. An angler's license entitles the holder to fish in the nontidal waters of the State only during the open season.

(d) An angler's license is not required of the following:

(1) The owner or tenant of land bordering on nontidal water, his spouse and children, or the spouse of any child who resides on the land with the owner or tenant when he fishes in nontidal water adjoining his land;