

certain course of study in order to qualify for a certain exemption from the requirements for a new tidal fish license; repealing the requirement to apply only during certain months in order to be issued a new tidal fish license; ~~and generally relating to the requirements for a new tidal fish license to catch crabs with more than a certain number of pots or with certain bait~~ certain fish exempting from the 2-year waiting period certain persons applying for a limited crab license; establishing a certain fee to catch certain fish; prohibiting the catching of certain fish without a certain license; altering the use of the Fisheries Research and Development Fund; specifying that the use of certain fees collected from the sale of certain licenses shall be used for certain enforcement purposes; and generally relating to tidal fish licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-209, 4-701(d)(1)(ii) and (viii), (f), (i), and (j), and 4-703

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BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-701(d)(1)(xi) and 4-704.1

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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**

4-209.

(a) There is a Fisheries Research and Development Fund in the Department.

(b) Any money the State Comptroller receives under the provisions of this title from commercial licenses, permits, and service fees, taxes, and royalties paid to the State for oyster shells and clam shells removed from the bottom beneath the tidal waters of the State, from the sale of seed oysters under § 4-1103 of this title, or any source, together with any fine or forfeiture collected under § 4-1202 of this title, shall be credited to the Fisheries Research and Development Fund.

(c) Subject to the limitations described in §§ 4-701(1), 4-1020, 4-1028 and 4-1035, the Fund shall be used for replenishing fisheries resources, related research, and to match federal funds available for research and development of fisheries resources.

4-701.

(d) (1) (ii) [To] SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (XI) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, TO catch for sale finfish and eels with equipment that is lawful under Subtitle 7: