

CHAPTER 503

(Senate Bill 747)

AN ACT concerning

Tidal Fishing – Rockfish Preservation

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations for suspending or revoking Chesapeake Bay sport fishing licenses and commercial licenses for certain violations and prohibiting reissuance for a certain period; authorizing the Department to adopt a point system for revoking those licenses; providing certain penalties for violating certain harvest and creel limit regulations and laws concerning striped bass, commonly known as rockfish, including fines, imprisonment and license revocation; making technical corrections; requiring certain persons to seize certain fish unlawfully caught and certain items unlawfully used; and generally relating to the regulation and preservation of rockfish and certain ~~sport and commercial~~ fishing licenses in the State.~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article — Natural Resources
Section 4-745(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article – Natural Resources
Section 4-1201, 4-1205, 4-1206, and 4-1207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article — Natural Resources
Section 4-1205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume)~~

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

Article – Natural Resources

4-745.

~~(E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT FISHING LICENSES GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION. THE~~