

(v) APPLIES FOR A NEW TIDAL FISH LICENSE UNDER § 4-701 OF THIS SUBTITLE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF COMPLETION OF ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

(b) After September 1, 1988, the Department may not issue a new tidal fish license to an applicant to catch crabs with more than 50 crab pots, finfish, oysters, or clams unless the applicant complies with the provisions of this section.

(c) Before the Department may issue to a person a new tidal fish license, the person must:

(1) Register with the Department on a form provided by the Department at least 2 years before the year of license issuance;

(2) Pay all applicable tidal fish license fees set under § 4-701 of this subtitle at the time of registration; and

(3) Apply with the Department only during the months of July and August of any year.

(d) An applicant is not required to pass a test to obtain a new tidal fish license under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding § 4-703(b) and (c)(1) and (3) of the Natural Resources Article, the Department shall issue a new license authorizing the catch of oysters for sale by any one of the authorized methods to any person who submits an affidavit stating that for at least 10 years in the aggregate the person obtained a tidal fish license. The Department shall, to the extent possible, verify the contents of the affidavit. A person may receive this exemption only one time.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years through July 1, 1992 and, at the end of July 1, 1992, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2-4. 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 ye 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.

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