

CHAPTER 40

(House Bill 213)

AN ACT concerning

**Fishing Licenses – Free Fishing Days**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to designate certain free fishing days annually for persons to fish for recreational purposes without ~~a license~~ certain licenses in the tidal and nontidal waters of the State.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources  
Section 4–214  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1989 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources  
Section 4–604(d) and 4–745(c)  
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**

4–214.

BY REGULATION, THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH UP TO 3 FREE FISHING DAYS EACH CALENDAR YEAR WHEN A PERSON MAY CATCH FINFISH IN THE TIDAL AND NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES WITHOUT AN ANGLER'S LICENSE OR CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT FISHING LICENSE.

4–604.

(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;

(2) Any convalescent patient of a veteran's hospital hospitalized for a service connected disability who fishes in nontidal waters if the patient secures a permit issued by a special service officer of the American Red Cross under authority granted by the Department;