

CHAPTER 195

(House Bill 299)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 257 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 1. General Provisions—Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission," to change the designation of one of the three members from Maryland on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in order to conform to the terms of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 257 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 1. General Provisions—Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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In pursuance of Article III of said compact there shall be three members (hereinafter called commissioners) of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (hereinafter called Commission) from the State of Maryland. The first commissioner from the State of Maryland shall be [a commissioner of tidewater fisheries] *the Director of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries* of the State of Maryland ex officio, and the term of any such ex officio commissioner shall terminate at the time he ceases to hold said office of [commissioner of tidewater fisheries] *Director* and his successor as commissioner shall be his successor as [said commissioner of tidewater fisheries] *Director*. The second commissioner from the State of Maryland shall be a legislator and member of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the State of Maryland ex officio, designated by said Commission on Interstate Cooperation, and the term of any such ex officio commissioner shall terminate at the time he ceases to hold said legislative office or said office as commissioner on interstate cooperation and his successor as commissioner shall be named in like manner. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint one person as a third commissioner who shall be a resident and citizen of the State of Maryland and who shall have a knowledge of and interest in the marine fisheries problem. The term of said commissioner shall be three years and he shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring in the office of such commissioner for any reason or cause shall be filled by appointment by the Governor. The commissioner of tidewater fisheries as ex officio commissioner may delegate, from time to time, to any deputy or other subordinate in his department or office the power to be present and participate including voting as his representative or substitute at any meeting of or hearing by or other proceeding of the Commission. The terms of each of the initial three members shall begin at the date of the appointment of the appointive commissioner, provided the said compact shall then have gone into effect in accordance with Article II of the compact; otherwise shall begin upon the date upon which said compact shall become effective in accordance with said Article II.