

(C) MEMBERS OF CERTAIN FORMER COMMISSIONS MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE UNEXPIRED TERMS. - NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, A MEMBER OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AS OF JUNE 30, 1972, MAY SERVE THE UNEXPIRED REMAINDER OF HIS TERM AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMISSION CREATED BY LAW.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language based upon Article 41, section 233 of the Code, as amended by Chapter 348, Acts of 1972. By Chapter 348, the Fish and Wildlife Commission and the commission on Chesapeake Bay Affairs were abolished and the commercial Fisheries Advisory Commission and Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission were created.

While creation of these two new commissions is stated in proposed section 1-102 of Title 1, it is repeated here for the convenience of the Code user interested in the subject matter of Title 4.

Provision of subsection (c) as it refers to former members of the Commission on Chesapeake Bay Affairs appears in section 8-202 of this Article.

#### 4-205. GENERAL POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPARTMENT.

(A) AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE AND MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT AND VESSELS TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS. - THE DEPARTMENT MAY OPERATE, SELL, BUY, LEASE, EXCHANGE, RENT, OR REPAIR ANY VEHICLE, VESSEL, BOAT, NET, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR ITS WORK. IT MAY EQUIP A VEHICLE, VESSEL, OR BOAT, WHICH IT OWNS OR OPERATES, WITH ANY REQUIRED ARMS, AMMUNITION, OR EQUIPMENT. THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT.

(B) CONTRACTS FOR RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION. - THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT FOR RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, THE CHESAPEAKE BAY INSTITUTE OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION.

(C) CONDUCT DEMONSTRATIONS TO IMPROVE FISHERIES