

(E) EXCEPTIONS. - THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY PERSON LICENSED TO CATCH CRABS TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO SELL THE CRABS CAUGHT, OR REQUIRE A LICENSE FOR RETAIL CRAB SELLERS WHO PURCHASE CRABS FROM A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 324 of the Code. The license issued is given a specific name to distinguish from other department licenses. The only other changes made are in style.

4-808. CLOSED SEASON FOR HARD CRABS; EXCEPTION FOR WORCESTER COUNTY.

A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH HARD CRABS IN ANY WATERS OF THE STATE, EXCEPT IN THE WATERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND APRIL 1.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 320 of the Code. The suffix "shell" when used to refer to hard crabs or soft crabs is proposed for deletion here and throughout this subtitle. The staff is proposing the exclusive use of "soft" or "hard" to designate the crabs. The present statutes are inconsistent in that they refer to both terms. See, in contrast with this section, sections 324 and 326.

The phrase "in each and every year" is proposed for deletion since it is understood that the prohibition created by this section continues until amended or repealed by the legislature.

The only other changes made are in style.

4-809. CATCHING OR POSSESSING CERTAIN KINDS AND SIZES OF CRABS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION FOR WORCESTER COUNTY.

(A) HARD CRABS, PEELERS, AND SOFT CRABS. - A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OR POSSESS MORE THAN FOUR HARD CRABS PER BUSHEL OR TEN HARD CRABS PER BARREL WHICH MEASURE LESS THAN FIVE INCHES ACROSS THE SHELL FROM TIP TO TIP OF SPIKE, ANY PEELERS MEASURING LESS THAN THREE INCHES ACROSS THE SHELL FROM TIP TO TIP OF SPIKE, OR ANY SOFT CRABS MEASURING LESS THAN THREE AND ONE-HALF INCHES ACROSS THE SHELL FROM TIP TO TIP OF