

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 4-904 and 4-905 of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed:

Article - Natural Resources

[ 4-904.

A person in charge of any boat or vessel rigged for catching surf clams shall obtain a license from the Department before he catches any surf clams in the waters of the State. The license is valid for the year in which it is issued. The fee to issue and renew the license is \$5. A nonresident of the State may not obtain a license to catch surf clams.]

[ 4-905.

The Department shall adopt rules and regulations governing the catching and landing of surf clams, especially taking into consideration the recommendations of regional management plans developed in cooperation with neighboring coastal states and the U. S. Department of Commerce. Any rules or regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall only be effective until July 1, 1977.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That "Subtitle 9. Lobster, Terrapin, and Surf Clams." of Article - Natural Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby renamed to be "Subtitle 9. Lobster and Terrapin."

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 4-1041 through 4-1043, inclusive, to be under the new subheading, "Part V. Surf Clams and Ocean Quahogs." be and they are hereby added to Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

PART V. SURF CLAMS AND OCEAN QUAHOGS.

4-1041.

(A) A PERSON IN CHARGE OF ANY BOAT OR VESSEL RIGGED FOR CATCHING SURF CLAMS OF OCEAN QUAHOGS SHALL OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE HE CATCHES ANY SURF CLAMS IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE OR LANDS ANY SURF CLAMS OF OCEAN QUAHOGS IN THE STATE. THE LICENSE IS VALID FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH IT IS ISSUED. THE FEE TO ISSUE AND RENEW THE LICENSE IS \$5.

(B) A NONRESIDENT OF THE STATE MAY NOT OBTAIN A LICENSE TO CATCH SURF CLAMS. HOWEVER, A NONRESIDENT MAY OBTAIN A LICENSE TO LAND SURF CLAMS OF OCEAN QUAHOGS IN THE STATE. THE FEE FOR THIS LICENSE IS \$25.