

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Peelers and Other Crabs

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of a peeler; deleting the prohibition on catching, possessing, or keeping in floats buckram crabs or certain green crabs; and requiring that peelers, once taken, be kept separate from other crabs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-801(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-809(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-809(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-801.

(e) "Peeler" means a crab which has a soft shell [fully developed] THAT IS DEVELOPING under the hard shell, on which there is a [pink] WHITE, PINK, OR RED line or rim on the edge of that part of the back fin next to the outer section of this fin.

4-809.

[(d) A person may not catch, possess, or keep in floats any green crab which is less than five inches from tip to tip of the spikes, or any buckram crab of any size.]

(D) ONCE TAKEN, PEELERS SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM OTHER CRABS.