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CHAPTER 12

(House Bill 169)

AN ACT concerning

Illegal Crabs

FOR the purpose of extending the minimum size exception for certain female crabs; removing the prohibition against catching, possessing, or keeping certain green and buckram crabs; and renumbering certain provisions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-809  
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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

4-809.

(a) A person may not catch or possess more than four hard crabs per bushel or ten hard crabs per barrel which measure less than 5 inches across the shell from tip to tip of spike, any peelers measuring less than 3 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 spike.

(b) In the waters of Worcester County, a person may not catch, possess, or keep in floats any fat crabs, or any crab known as snot crab, green crab, or buckram crab.

(c) [In the waters of Worcester County, the] THE minimum size of crabs does not apply to mature female crabs, identified by the rounded apron.

[(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.]

[(e) (D) The provisions of subsection (a) do not apply to crabs imported into Maryland during the closed season for catching crabs if the person possessing the