

FOR the purpose of requiring the licensing of commercial fishing guides; altering the license fee for commercial hook-and-line fishing licenses; changing the requirements for the use of gill nets for fishing in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries; prohibiting the use of gill nets in parts of the Chesapeake Bay at certain times; amending the restrictions on fishing within 1,200 feet of the William Preston Lane, Jr., Memorial Bridge; changing the minimum size for striped bass in parts of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries at certain times; and generally relating to fishing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
 Section 4-704(c)(5), 4-710(c)(2), 4-728(c)(2) and (d),
 and 4-734(a)(8)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
 Section 4-210 and 4-728(c)(3)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1974 Volume and 1978 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

4-210.

(A) ANY PERSON WHO DESIRES TO ACCEPT DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONSIDERATION FOR PROVIDING SERVICES AS A FISHING GUIDE SHALL OBTAIN A COMMERCIAL FISHING GUIDE LICENSE.

(B) A PERSON DESIRING A COMMERCIAL FISHING GUIDE LICENSE SHALL APPLY ANNUALLY ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND PAY A FEE OF \$10. UPON RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION AND LICENSE FEE THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE. A COMMERCIAL FISHING GUIDE LICENSE EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR.

(C) A COMMERCIAL FISHING GUIDE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT REPORTS MONTHLY ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS, ANY COMMERCIAL FISHING GUIDE LICENSE, AFTER A HEARING ON AT LEAST 10-DAYS NOTICE TO THE LICENSEE, ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS: