

CHAPTER 792

(Senate Bill 662)

AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License

FOR the purpose of providing that, except for certain persons, a person may not fish for finfish in the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries without first obtaining an annual Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license; providing for a certain license year; providing for certain fees and manner of distribution of the license; providing for a onetime issuance of an 18-month license in lieu of an annual license; providing for a special charterboat license; providing that, except for a certain amount, revenue derived from the sale of these licenses shall be used for certain purposes after consultation with certain persons; providing a delayed effective date for this Act; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue to certain persons pursuant to regulations certain special Chesapeake Bay sport fishing licenses; providing for an exemption for persons holding a license issued by Virginia under certain circumstances; and generally relating to establishment of a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-745
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-745.

(A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT FISH FOR FINFISH IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY OR IN ITS TRIBUTARIES UP TO TIDAL BOUNDARIES WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT FISHING LICENSE.

(2) THE LICENSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF EACH COUNTY, OR FROM ANY AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$5.

(3) EXCEPT FOR A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (D), EVERY CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT FISHING LICENSE SHALL BE VALID FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR AND SHALL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31.