

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 2, 1988.

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CHAPTER 172

(House Bill 188)

AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License - Reciprocity

FOR the purpose of allowing persons who hold certain fishing licenses issued by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission or the District of Columbia to fish in the tidal waters of the State without first obtaining a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-745(c)(6)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 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.

(c) A person may fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or its tidal tributaries without a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license if the person:

(6) Holds a valid [Chesapeake Bay] TIDAL WATER sport fishing license issued by the State of Virginia, POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION, OR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, provided that this exemption shall not take effect until the Secretary has published notice in the Maryland Register of the Secretary's determination that the Virginia, POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION, OR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA requirements for a [Chesapeake Bay] TIDAL WATER sport fishing license are substantially similar to AND RECIPROCAL WITH the CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT FISHING LICENSE requirements of this section;