

a certain exemption for nonresident commercial fishermen; allowing the Department of Natural Resources to issue tidal fish licenses for certain reasons for a certain period of time; and generally relating to the waiting period for tidal fishing licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-703
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

4-703.

(a) (1) This section applies to any person who after September 1, 1988 applies for a new tidal fish license under § 4-701 of this subtitle to catch crabs with more than 50 crab pots, finfish, oysters, or clams.

(2) This section does not apply to any person who:

(i) Applies to renew a tidal fish license, including a license on inactive status that was valid on September 1, 1988;

(ii) Qualifies under § 4-705 of this subtitle to renew a tidal fish license within 1 year of completion of active military service; for†

~~(iii) Before applying for a new tidal fish license, has held a commercial fishing license in another state for 24 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of application and meets other requirements for issuance of a Maryland license; OR~~

†(iv) (III) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A 2-YEAR COURSE OF STUDY IN COMMERCIAL FISHERIES WHICH INCLUDES INSTRUCTION ON FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND REGULATION AND IS OFFERED IN A VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PROVIDED THE PERSON WAS ENROLLED IN THE COURSE ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1989.

(b) After September 1, 1988, the Department may not issue a new tidal fish license to an applicant to catch crabs with more than 50 crab pots, finfish, oysters, or clams unless the applicant complies with the provisions of this section.