

CHAPTER 55

(House Bill 768)

AN ACT concerning

Tidal Fish License – Oceanside ~~Charter Boats~~ Fishing Guides – Exemption from Waiting Period

FOR the purpose of exempting applicants for ~~oceanside charter boat~~ fishing guide licenses to conduct fishing activities in certain waters from a certain waiting period before the issuance of a tidal fish license; providing that applicants for fishing guide licenses to conduct fishing activities in certain waters may receive a license without delay until a certain date; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section ~~4-703(e)~~ 4-703

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1992 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 applies for a new tidal fish license under § 4-701 of this subtitle:

(i) After September 1, 1988, to catch crabs for sale, finfish, oysters, or clams; [or]

(ii) After September 1, 1992, to provide services as a fishing guide under § 4-210 of this title IN THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY OR ITS TRIBUTARIES; OR

(III) AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1993, TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A FISHING GUIDE UNDER § 4-210 OF THIS TITLE IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, ITS SEASIDE BAYS, AND THEIR TIDAL TRIBUTARIES.

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

(i) Applies to renew a tidal fish license to catch crabs for sale, finfish, oysters, or clams, including a license on inactive status that was valid on September 1, 1988;

(ii) Applies to renew a tidal fish license to provide services as a fishing guide under § 4-210 of this title IN THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, including a license on inactive status that was valid on September 1, 1992;