

tags for possession of certain striped bass caught under certain circumstances; providing a certain exception that requires the issuance of certain nonreusable tags for the possession of striped bass during a certain season; requiring certain persons to obtain certain tags under certain circumstances; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to recreational fishing and striped bass.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-745.2(a) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-745.2(b), (c), and (d)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

4-745.2.

(a) (1) The Department shall provide by regulation for the issuance of a striped bass stamp and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, MAY ISSUE nonreusable tags for a person to possess striped bass during a striped bass season, in addition to a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license or consolidated senior sport fishing license.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE NONREUSABLE TAGS FOR A PERSON TO POSSESS STRIPED BASS DURING THE SPRING TROPHY SEASON, IN ADDITION TO A CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT FISHING LICENSE OR CONSOLIDATED SENIOR SPORT FISHING LICENSE.

(b) The striped bass stamp and tags shall be obtained from any authorized agent of the Department at a cost of \$2. At the time of purchase of the stamp, the agent shall provide to the license holder each nonreusable tag which the holder may use during the licensing period. As compensation, the agent shall retain 25 cents for each striped bass stamp issued.

(c) The Department may designate a person engaged in a retail business to sell the striped bass stamp and tags as an agent under the Department's control and supervision. The striped bass stamps and tags may be furnished to agents on consignment if the Department is given adequate security to ensure ultimate payment to the Department for the stamps and tags.