

license to fish anywhere in the ~~Chesapeake Bay tidal waters of the State~~ Chesapeake Bay under certain circumstances; providing for the issuance of certain complimentary licenses to certain persons under certain circumstances; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to fishing licenses and boats in the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters of the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-745

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**

4-745.

(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 or from any authorized agent of the Department. The following annual license fees shall apply:

- (i) Resident.....\$7
- (ii) Short term license valid for 5 consecutive days from date of issue .....\$4
- (iii) Nonresident.....\$12
- (iv) Resident and nonresident blind persons .....No fee

(3) Except for a license issued under subsection (d) of this section, every Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license shall be valid for not more than 1 year and shall expire on December 31.

(b) (1) The Department may designate a person engaged in a commercial enterprise to sell the Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license as an agent under the Department's control and supervision.

(2) As compensation, the agent shall retain 50 cents for each license issued.

(3) The Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license shall be furnished to an agent upon satisfactory payment or upon consignment and only if the Department is given adequate security to insure ultimate payment by an agent to the Department for the licenses.