

CHAPTER 402

(Senate Bill 802)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Sale of Croakers

FOR the purpose of allowing a person to sell a croaker that is less than a certain size if the croaker was caught in another state and certain requirements are met; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the sale of croakers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-734(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

4-734.

(a) A person may not sell, offer to buy or sell, or possess any of the following fish:

(1) Bass, largemouth or smallmouth less than 15 inches from March 1 through June 15, and less than 12 inches from June 16 through the end of February;

(2) Catfish, except bullheads, less than 10 inches;

(3) Croakers:

(i) Until July 1, 1995:

1. For commercial catches, less than 10 inches; and

2. For recreational catches and possession only, less than 9 inches and not more than 20 fish per day; AND

(ii) On or after July 1, 1995, for any manner of catches, not less than the size limits promulgated by the Department in accordance with the fisheries management plan adopted under § 4-215 of this title; HOWEVER, A CROAKER LESS THAN THE SIZE LIMIT PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE SOLD DURING CLOSED SEASON IF:

1. THE CROAKER WAS CAUGHT IN ANOTHER STATE;

2. THE CROAKER IS ACCOMPANIED BY A BILL OF SALE OR BILL OF LADING FROM THE STATE OF ORIGIN CERTIFYING THAT THE CROAKER WAS CAUGHT IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN; AND