

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

Article – Natural Resources

4-701.

(b) (1) The Department shall utilize a single, commercial license, to be known and designated as a tidal fish license.

(2) A tidal fish license authorizes a licensee:

(i) To engage in each activity indicated on the license; and

(ii) For catching crabs, to utilize the number of crew members indicated on the license.

(3) The Department may not issue a tidal fish license to, and a license may not be held by, an individual who is younger than 12 years of age.

(4) A person may not guide fishing parties or catch, sell, buy, process, transport, export, or otherwise deal in fish caught in tidal waters unless licensed under this section.

(i) (1) A license may be transferred only under the provisions of this subsection.

(2) A license may be transferred to a person who is the licensee's spouse, daughter, son, stepchild, grandchild, STEP GRANDCHILD, parent, sister, brother, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law, and only:

(i) If the person is currently on the primary candidate waiting list for that activity and the licensee makes application to the Department requesting transfer; or

(ii) Upon death of the licensee, if the licensee had indicated that person's name on the license application on file with the Department.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does not affect the termination of § 4-701(i) as enacted by Chapter 184 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 9, 1996.