

recommendation to the General Assembly by January 1, 2001 as to whether the oyster sanctuary should be continued for an additional 5 years.

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997. Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of September 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 22, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 577**

**(Senate Bill 318)**

AN ACT concerning

**Fishing – Croakers – Size and Creel Limits**

FOR the purpose of altering the size and creel limits applicable to certain restrictions on the sale, offer to buy or sell, or possession of certain croakers; repealing certain provisions of law which required certain limits on croakers to be made in accordance with a certain fishery management plan; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to limitations on croakers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-734(a)(3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 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:

(3) Croakers:

(i) [Until July 1, 1995:

1.] For commercial catches, less than [10] 9 inches; [and]

[2.] (ii) For recreational catches and possession only, less than 9 inches and not more than ~~20 TO 40~~ 25 fish per day, ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT~~; and