

CHAPTER 294

(House Bill 1021)

AN ACT concerning

Crabs - Restrictions on Harvesting and Requirements for Regulations

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from adopting regulations to reduce the harvest of hard crabs in the Chesapeake Bay unless the regulations are adopted in recognition of certain considerations; requiring that the owner of a commercial crabbing license catch crabs for commercial purposes on only a certain number of days each week; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations pertaining to the restriction of commercial crabbing to certain days of the week.~~ authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to restrict the days that a commercial license holder may catch crabs and take into account certain considerations under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations to require certain individuals to make a certain declaration and provide certain information in a certain manner; establishing the duration of a declared day off except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to allow a licensee to change a declared day off under certain circumstances; prohibiting a licensed individual from certain activities on certain days except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring a licensed individual to affix certain letters to the individual's vessel for a certain purpose and in a certain manner; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to restrictions on crab harvesting in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-803 and 4-804
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-701(p)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume)

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