

CHAPTER 724

(House Bill 1341)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Natural Resources - Limited Fishing Guide License

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a certain limited fishing guide license for use under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain guides from accepting consideration for certain fishing guide services unless certain persons possess certain licenses; providing for a certain delayed effective date; establishing certain fees for a certain license; requiring the Department to report annually on certain information; providing for how certain funds may be spent; providing certain restrictions on recreational anglers under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the issuance of a certain limited fishing guide license.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-210

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:

Article - Natural Resources

4-210.

(a) Except for a person employed to operate a vessel for a master fishing guide under § 4-701(o), any person who desires to accept direct or indirect consideration for providing services as a fishing guide shall obtain a license.

(b) In addition to any license required by this section, a person may not furnish any service as a fishing guide that requires operating a boat or vessel as part of that service without first obtaining appropriate federal licenses to operate a vessel carrying passengers for hire.

(c) A person who is required to be licensed under this section must have all appropriate federal and State licenses in the person's possession whenever performing services as a fishing guide.

(d) A commercial fishing guide shall be required to submit reports monthly on forms provided by the Department.

(e) (1) The Secretary may establish by regulation first aid and safety requirements with which all licensed fishing guides shall comply.