

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–816

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

4–816.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO LIMIT OR PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION, USE, CATCHING, OR POSSESSING OF THE FOLLOWING NONNATIVE CRAB SPECIES, WHICH ARE DETERMINED TO BE HARMFUL TO THE ECOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE:

- (1) GREEN CRAB (*CARCINUS MAENAS*) OF THE FAMILY PORTUNIDAE;
- (2) JAPANESE SHORE CRAB (*HEMIGRAPSUS SANGUINEUS*) OF THE FAMILY GRAPSIDAE; AND
- (3) CHINESE MITTEN CRAB (*ERIOCHEIR SINENSIS*) OF THE FAMILY GRAPSIDAE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 10, 2001.

CHAPTER 101

(House Bill 357)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Fishery Management Plans – Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Bays

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to prepare fishery management plans for certain species that apply to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, the coastal bays and their tributaries, and the Atlantic Ocean; prohibiting the Department from adopting certain regulations until the Department holds certain public hearings; and generally relating to fishery management plans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–215(b), (d), and (g)