

Senate Bill No. 813

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Angler’s Licenses

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that an application for an angler’s license contain the applicant’s age and height; altering certain angler’s license fees; establishing a certain nonresident short-term license and establishing a certain fee for the license; altering the compensation an agent who sells angler’s licenses may retain; making certain technical and administrative changes; and generally relating to angler’s licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-604

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

4-604.

(a) This section provides a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing game and freshwater fish and preventing unauthorized persons from fishing or attempting to fish for any game and freshwater fish without first procuring an angler’s license.

(b) (1) In this section, “resident” means a person who resides in this State on the date he applies for a license.

(2) “Resident” includes a member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and stationed officially in this State.

(c) Any person 16 years old or older shall secure an angler’s license to fish in the nontidal waters of the State. An angler’s license entitles the holder to fish in the nontidal waters of the State only during the open season.

(d) An angler’s license is not required of the following:

(1) The owner or tenant of land bordering on nontidal water, his spouse and children, or the spouse of any child who resides on the land with the owner or tenant when he fishes in nontidal water adjoining his land;

(2) Any convalescent patient of a veterans’ hospital hospitalized for a service connected disability who fishes in nontidal waters if the patient secures a permit issued by a special service officer of the American Red Cross under authority granted by the Department;