

CHAPTER 475

(House Bill 1214)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Finfish - Bait

FOR the purpose of creating an additional exception to the prohibition on buying, selling, shipping, transporting, or otherwise dealing in finfish without a certain license; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations defining which species of finfish may be caught and sold as bait under certain circumstances; and generally relating to bait species of finfish.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-702

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

4-702.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person may not buy, sell, ship, transport, or otherwise deal in finfish unless the person is licensed by the Department.

(b) The following persons are not required to obtain a license under this section:

- (1) A person licensed by the Department to catch finfish for sale;
- (2) A retail market, restaurant, or other establishment where finfish are sold or served to ultimate consumers, and not for resale; [or]
- (3) A person who buys finfish for personal use or consumption; AND
- (4) A PERSON WHO CATCHES AND SELLS AS BAIT FINFISH SPECIES DEFINED AS BAIT UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS DEFINING WHICH SPECIES OF FINFISH MAY BE CAUGHT AND SOLD AS BAIT UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.