

(IV) FAILURE OF A NONRESIDENT OF THE STATE TO APPEAR IN COURT PURSUANT TO A CITATION ISSUED BY A NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICER, OR TO ANY OTHER PROCESS ISSUED BY ANY COURT OF MARYLAND, FOR VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

(4) A PENALTY IMPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY AUTHORIZED UNDER § 4-1201 OF THIS TITLE REGARDING STRIPED BASS.

(5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE:

(I) A SCHEDULE OF POINTS ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS OFFENSES UNDER THIS TITLE;

(II) A SCHEDULE OF THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS THAT A LICENSE MAY BE SUSPENDED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF POINTS ACCUMULATED; AND

(III) FOR SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE FOR CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.

(6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INITIATE ANY PROCEEDING TO SUSPEND A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION NOT LATER THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME FOR FILING AN APPEAL OF THE THIRD CONVICTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION HAS PASSED.

(7) BEFORE THE SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HOLD A HEARING ON NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS' NOTICE TO THE LICENSEE, EXCEPT THAT ON THE FAILURE OF A NONRESIDENT OF THE STATE TO APPEAR IN A COURT OF THIS STATE AS REQUIRED BY ANY CHARGING DOCUMENT ACCUSING THE PERSON OF COMMITTING ANY OFFENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COURT OR THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUSPEND IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT HEARING ANY LICENSE ISSUED TO THE PERSON UNDER THIS TITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with the recommendations made on July 22, 2003, by the joint workgroup created by the Tidal Fish Advisory Commission and the Sport Fish Advisory Commission, the Department shall adopt regulations relating to the suspension and revocation of licenses and the assignment of points for specific fishery offenses in accordance with the recommendations made by the workgroup created by the Tidal Fish Advisory Commission and the Sport Fish Advisory Commission.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

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