

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-745(d)(1) and 4-804(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Most Chesapeake Bay sport fishing licenses have a term from January 1 through December 31 of the same year, as provided under § 4-745(a)(3) of the Natural Resources Article; and

WHEREAS, Since the crabbing season reaches its peak around September 1 of any year, it does not seem fair to provide for a term from September 1 through August 31 of the following year for a person who has a "sport crabber's license", which is called a tidal fish license to catch crabs for noncommercial purposes under §§ 4-704(d)(1)(v) and 4-804(c) of the Natural Resources Article; and

WHEREAS, The intent of this Act is to alter the term of a "sport crabber's license" to become January 1 through December 31 of the same year; now, therefore,

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

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4-701.

(c) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE license year for every tidal fish license shall be from September 1 through August 31 of the following year. In any license year, a person will be licensed to engage in only those activities for which the annual fees for that year have been paid.

(2) THE LICENSE YEAR FOR A TIDAL FISH LICENSE TO CATCH CRABS FOR NONCOMMERCIAL PURPOSES UNDER § 4-804(C) OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE SAME YEAR.

(d) (1) The following annual license fees shall apply:

(v) To catch crabs for noncommercial purposes [pursuant to] UNDER § 4-804(c) OF THIS TITLE:

- 1. Resident\$10
- 2. Nonresident.....\$20

4-745.

(a) (3) Except for a license issued [pursuant to] UNDER subsection (d) OF THIS SECTION, every Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license shall be valid for not more than 1 year and shall expire on December 31.