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CHAPTER 438
(House Bill 1152)

AN ACT concerning

Tidal Fish Licenses – Fees for Commercial Fishermen

FOR the purpose of altering the license fees applicable for certain tidal fish licenses; and generally relating to fees for certain tidal fish licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4-701(d)(1)(ii) and (viii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, In Chapter 667 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1985, the General Assembly reduced license fees for commercial fishermen of striped bass or rockfish for the duration of the moratorium on the taking, possessing, selling, or transporting of striped bass or rockfish; and

WHEREAS, By that Act, the General Assembly also required a return to the previously charged license fees on the removal of the moratorium without further action required by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, On October 3, 1991 the moratorium on the taking, possessing, selling, or transporting of striped bass was removed, thereby reinstating the previously charged fees; and

WHEREAS, Until the striped bass or rockfish population fully recovers to a level that can sustain itself without government regulation, it is the General Assembly's determination that commercial license fees for striped bass increase minimally in proportion to the limited value realized from a restricted fishery; now, therefore,

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

Article – Natural Resources

4-701.

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

(ii) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (xi) of this paragraph, to catch for sale finfish and eels with equipment that is lawful under Subtitle 7: