

CHAPTER 562

(House Bill 790)

AN ACT concerning

Tidal Fish Licenses – Fishing Guides – Waiting Period

FOR the purpose of imposing a certain waiting period on certain applicants for a tidal fish license to provide services as a fishing guide under certain circumstances; providing for certain exemptions; requiring certain license applicants to provide certain evidence of federal licensure; repealing an obsolete provision; and generally relating to tidal fish licenses, fishing guides, and waiting periods.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-703

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

4-703.

(a) (1) This section applies to any person who ~~after September 1, [1988] 1992~~ applies for a new tidal fish license under § 4-701 of this subtitle to:

(I) AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1988, TO CATCH [catch] crabs for sale, finfish, oysters, or clams; OR

(II) AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1992, TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A FISHING GUIDE UNDER § 4-210 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) This section does not apply to any person who:

(i) Applies to renew a tidal fish license TO CATCH CRABS FOR SALE, FINFISH, OYSTERS, OR CLAMS, including a license on inactive status that was valid on September 1, ~~{1988} 1992~~;

(ii) [Applies for a tidal fish license within 1 year of completion of active military service] HAS FILED AN APPLICATION BEFORE JULY 1, 1992 FOR A TIDAL FISH LICENSE TO CATCH CRABS FOR SALE, FINFISH, OYSTERS, OR CLAMS, OR TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A FISHING GUIDE APPLIES TO RENEW A TIDAL FISH LICENSE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A FISHING GUIDE UNDER § 4-210 OF THIS TITLE, INCLUDING A LICENSE ON INACTIVE STATUS THAT WAS VALID ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1992;