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(a) (1) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, a person may not fish for finfish in the ~~Chesapeake Bay~~ or in its tributaries up to tidal boundaries ~~TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE~~ without first obtaining a ~~Chesapeake Bay~~ ~~TIDAL~~ sport fishing license.

(2) The license may be obtained from the Department [, clerk of the circuit court of each county,] or from any authorized agent of the Department. [The annual fee for the license is \$5.] THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL LICENSE FEES SHALL APPLY:

- (I) RESIDENT, ~~UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE~~\$7
- (~~II~~) RESIDENT, ~~65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER~~\$4
- (~~III~~) (II) SHORT TERM LICENSE VALID FOR 5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS FROM DATE OF ISSUE\$4
- (~~IV~~) (III) NONRESIDENT\$12
- (~~V~~) (IV) RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT BLIND PERSONSNO FEE

(3) Except for a license issued under subsection (d) of this section, every ~~Chesapeake Bay~~ ~~TIDAL~~ sport fishing license shall be valid for not more than 1 year and shall expire on December 31.

(b) (1) The Department may designate a person engaged in a commercial enterprise to sell the ~~Chesapeake Bay~~ ~~TIDAL~~ sport fishing license as an agent under the Department's control and supervision.

(2) [The clerk of the court or agent shall retain the sum of 50 cents as compensation for issuing each license that costs at least \$5, or 25 cents if the license is less than \$5.] AS COMPENSATION, THE AGENT SHALL RETAIN ~~25~~ 50 CENTS FOR EACH LICENSE ISSUED.

(3) The ~~Chesapeake Bay~~ ~~TIDAL~~ sport fishing license shall be furnished to an agent upon satisfactory payment or upon consignment and only if the Department is given adequate security to insure ultimate payment by an agent to the Department for the licenses.

(4) All fees collected on behalf of the Department pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the Department in accordance with its rules and regulations for deposit with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Fisheries Research and Development Fund to be used for the replenishment, protection, and conservation of fish stocks caught by recreational fishermen, for enhancement of recreational fishing opportunities, and for research concerning tidal fishery resources. The Department shall publicly report annually the amounts collected and the expenditures.