

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY USE DIP NETS AND AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF HANDLINES TO CATCH CRABS.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-701.1.

(G) (4) (I) AN APPLICANT FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP PERMIT MAY BEGIN TO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPHS (1), (2), AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE APPLICANT POSTS THE FEE FOR THE APPRENTICESHIP PERMIT.

(II) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT ALTER AN APPLICANT'S POSITION ON THE WAITING LIST ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(3) OF THIS SECTION.

(III) AN APPLICANT SHALL BE ISSUED AN APPRENTICESHIP PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E)(4) OF THIS SECTION.

(IV) AN APPLICANT MAY BE CREDITED WITH THE COMPLETED REQUIREMENTS THAT WERE ACCRUED AND DOCUMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION BEFORE BEING ISSUED AN APPRENTICESHIP PERMIT.

SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) ~~3~~ and 5 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994 be repealed.

SECTION 5. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That by August 31, 1998, the Department of Natural Resources shall issue a license or authorization to persons maintained on the primary candidate waiting list as of ~~December 1, 1997~~ December 31, 1997. Persons maintained on the primary list after ~~December 1, 1997~~ December 31, 1997 and persons maintained on the secondary list may be issued an apprenticeship permit without paying the fee required under §§ 4-701 and 4-701.1 of the Natural Resources Article if the target number allows for the issuance of an apprenticeship permit.

SECTION 6. 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources may convert a tidal fish license with a minimum of three authorizations, one of which shall be a crabbing authorization, to an unlimited tidal fish license at the time of renewal for the license year beginning September 1, 1998 and upon completion of application and payment of appropriate fees. The licensee shall relinquish current authorizations to the Department and may not permanently transfer authorization to another person.

SECTION 7. 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources may issue a license, except a fishing guide or unlimited tidal fish license, to a person who is at least 65 years old and previously held a tidal fish license for at least 5 years and submits an affidavit attesting to that information ~~by March 31, 1999~~. The license shall entitle the qualified person to engage in the same activities as the person was previously authorized upon completion of application and payment