

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 of fees, except for a permit to catch striped bass for sale. A person who receives a tidal fish license under the provisions of this section may not transfer the tidal fish license.

SECTION ~~8~~ 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before the Department of Natural Resources proposes regulations to modify the targets established under § 4-701(g)(3) of the Natural Resources Article, the Department shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the Chesapeake Bay Commission. The report shall include the proposed targets and data to reflect and justify the modifications being proposed.

SECTION ~~9~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department shall report to the General Assembly by January 15, 1999 concerning the development of a trip ticket reporting system for ascertaining information regarding commercial landings data.

SECTION ~~10~~ 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare a report to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the Chesapeake Bay Commission, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, no later than December 31, 1999, and every year thereafter, which shall include estimates or survey results detailing the number of recreational crabbers, the categories or groupings of recreational crabbing activities such as handlines, trotlines, traps, shoreline owners' use of crab pots, and whether such activities are carried out from private boats, hired boats, or from the shore or piers. The report shall also include a survey of noncommercial crabbing licensees, including the number of individuals who were issued noncommercial crabbing licenses during the time period covered by the report and the amount of license fees collected by the Department. The report shall also include estimates or counts of recreational crab catchers, by category, for at least the last 2 years and information on short-term and long-term trends in crab populations and how recreational crabbing affects or is affected by these trends. The report shall also include itemized costs of the noncommercial crab catch research, identifying any needs, if necessary, for expansion of the research. The report shall also include information on law enforcement activities regarding recreational crabbing, particularly enforcement of a prohibition on selling recreationally caught noncommercial crabs. The report shall also include information or results of studies dealing with the effect of fish and crab predation on small crabs.