
By: **Delegate Arnick**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Female Crabs - Prohibition Against Possession,**
3 **Transport, or Sale**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the authorization for the Department of Natural
5 Resources to adopt certain rules and regulations to permit or prohibit certain
6 activities relating to the female crab; repealing for certain female crabs an
7 exception to a certain size limit for the catching or processing of crabs;
8 prohibiting a person from possessing, transporting, selling, or offering to sell
9 female crabs; and generally relating to female crabs.

10 BY repealing

11 Article - Natural Resources
12 Section 4-809(e) and 4-810
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article - Natural Resources
17 Section 4-810
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Natural Resources**

23 4-809.

24 [(e) The minimum size of crabs does not apply to mature female crabs,
25 identified by the rounded apron.]

1 [4-810.

2 The Department may adopt rules and regulations, after reasonable notice by
3 publication, to permit or prohibit catching, canning, packing, shipping, or possessing
4 the egg-bearing female crab or the female crab from which eggs have been removed.]
5 4-810.

6 A PERSON MAY NOT POSSESS, TRANSPORT, SELL, OR OFFER FOR SALE A
7 FEMALE CRAB.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 2000.