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CHAPTER 686

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tidal Fish License - Apprenticeship - Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the Department of Natural Resources issue a  
4 certain ~~tidal fish license~~ licenses to a person who has received a pardon after  
5 being incarcerated for a criminal offense without requiring the person to  
6 participate in a certain apprenticeship program; providing for the termination of  
7 this Act; and generally relating to the issuance of tidal fish licenses.

8 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~  
9 ~~Article - Natural Resources~~  
10 ~~Section 4-701(h)~~  
11 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
12 ~~(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)~~

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

15 **~~Article - Natural Resources~~**

16 ~~4-701.~~

17 (h) (1) ~~[The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS~~  
18 ~~SUBSECTION, THE Department shall issue a license authorizing participation in a~~  
19 ~~particular fishing activity to a person who has completed the requirements of an~~  
20 ~~apprenticeship under § 4-701.1 of this subtitle.~~

1           (2)     ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE AUTHORIZING~~  
2 ~~PARTICIPATION IN A PARTICULAR FISHING ACTIVITY TO A PERSON WHO HAS~~  
3 ~~RECEIVED A PARDON AFTER BEING INCARCERATED FOR A CRIMINAL OFFENSE~~  
4 ~~WITHOUT REQUIRING COMPLETION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF AN~~  
5 ~~APPRENTICESHIP UNDER § 4-701.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

6     ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~  
7 ~~October 1, 2000 notwithstanding any provision of Title 4, Subtitle 7 of the Natural~~  
8 ~~Resources Article, the Department shall issue an authorization for any of the fishing~~  
9 ~~activities listed under § 4-701 of the Natural Resources Article to any person who has~~  
10 ~~received a pardon after being incarcerated for a criminal offense, and who makes~~  
11 ~~application and pays any applicable fees. Any authorization received by a person~~  
12 ~~under this section shall be renewable annually in the same manner as any other~~  
13 ~~authorization.~~

14     ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~  
15 ~~June 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of~~  
16 ~~December 31, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act~~  
17 ~~shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~