

# HOUSE BILL 154

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By: **Delegate O'Donnell**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members on the Sport Fisheries Advisory  
4 Commission; providing that the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission include a  
5 certain member of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission; and generally  
6 relating to the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 4–204(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Natural Resources  
14 Section 4–204(b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 4–204.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           (a) (1) There is a Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission in the  
2 Department.

3                   (2) The Commission is composed of up to 15 members appointed and  
4 serving in accordance with the procedures adopted under § 1–102(c) of this article.

5                   (3) (i) Up to 14 commercial watermen and one member of the Sport  
6 Fisheries Advisory Commission shall comprise the Commission.

7                           (ii) The composition of the Commission shall reflect the  
8 geographic regions of the State where the commercial fishing industry is operating.

9                   (4) The term of a member is 2 years.

10                   (5) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms  
11 provided for members of the Commission on July 1, 2010.

12                   (6) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor  
13 is appointed and qualifies.

14                   (7) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
15 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

16           (b) (1) There is a Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission in the  
17 Department.

18                   (2) The Commission shall provide the Department advice on  
19 recreational fisheries matters.

20                   (3) **(I)** The Commission is composed of **[15] 16** members appointed  
21 and serving in accordance with the provisions of § 1–102(c) of this article, **INCLUDING**  
22 **ONE MEMBER OF THE TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION WHO IS NOT**  
23 **THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
24 **SERVING ON THE TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION UNDER**  
25 **SUBSECTION (A)(3)(I) OF THIS SECTION.**

26                           **(II)** The experience and backgrounds of Commission members  
27 shall represent the diversified angling interests and waters of the State.

28                   (4) (i) The term of a member is 4 years and a member may be  
29 reappointed.

30                           (ii) The terms of members are staggered as required by the  
31 terms provided for members of the Commission on July 1, 2010.

1 (iii) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a  
2 successor is appointed and qualifies.

3 (iv) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves  
4 only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 2014.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.