

SENATE BILL 83

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources – Vibrio Notice Regulations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources by regulation to
4 provide for the inclusion of a Vibrio notice with certain recreational tidal fishing
5 licenses, recreational crabbing licenses, and certificates of boat number; authorizing
6 the Department by regulation to provide for the inclusion of a Vibrio notice with
7 certain other licenses or authorizations; specifying the minimum information that a
8 Vibrio notice must contain; and generally relating to Vibrio notice regulations.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Natural Resources

11 Section 4–222

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 **4–222.**

18 **(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BY REGULATION PROVIDE FOR THE**
19 **INCLUSION OF A VIBRIO NOTICE WITH EACH NEW OR RENEWED:**

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 (I) RECREATIONAL TIDAL FISHING LICENSE;

2 (II) RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSE; AND

3 (III) CERTIFICATE OF BOAT NUMBER.

4 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY BY REGULATION PROVIDE FOR THE
5 INCLUSION OF A VIBRIO NOTICE WITH ANY OTHER LICENSE OR AUTHORIZATION
6 ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

7 (B) THE VIBRIO NOTICE SHALL, AT A MINIMUM:

8 (1) NOTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL THAT VIBRIO BACTERIA MAY BE
9 PRESENT IN STATE WATERS DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR;

10 (2) WARN THAT IN RARE INSTANCES SERIOUS INFECTION MAY
11 RESULT WHEN VIBRIO COMES INTO CONTACT WITH AN OPEN WOUND; AND

12 (3) PROVIDE A LINK TO THE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE WHERE THE
13 INDIVIDUAL CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VIBRIO.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.