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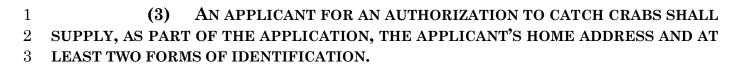
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## A BILL ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT concerning
- 2 Tidal Fish Licenses - Authorization to Catch Crabs - Application Requirements
- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for a new or renewed commercial fishing
- 4 authorization to catch crabs to supply, as part of the application, the applicant's
- home address and certain forms of identification; and generally relating to tidal fish 5
- 6 licenses.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article – Natural Resources
- 9 Section 4-701(i) and (l)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement) 11
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 13
- 14 Article - Natural Resources
- 4 701.15
- 16 (1) The Department shall accept applications for new authorizations to
- 17 participate in fishing activities under subsection (d)(2)(ii)1 or 2 of this section from qualified
- 18 persons and maintain a waiting list of candidates for each fishing activity in order of the
- 19 date and time that applications are received.
- 20 An applicant for a license to provide services as a commercial fishing
- 21guide in tidal waters of the State shall supply as part of the application verifiable references
- 22 to any federal license that is issued by the U.S. Coast Guard to operate a vessel carrying
- 23passengers for hire in the applicant's name, as a condition precedent to engaging as a
- 24commercial fishing guide in tidal waters.





- 4 (l) (1) Notwithstanding the qualification criteria for a license and 5 authorization to engage in an activity under this section, licensees may renew a harvester 6 registration and any valid existing authorizations on their licenses annually.
- 7 (2) (i) Application to renew a tidal fish license shall be made not later 8 than August 31, or the next business day in the instance that the Department is not open, 9 for the following license year.
- 10 (ii) The Department may not accept application for renewal after 11 that date, as stated in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph unless:
- 12 Application is made by March 31, or the next business day 13 in the instance that the Department is not open, of the following license year;
- 14 2. The applicant shows good cause why application was not 15 made by August 31 of the previous license year; and
- 16 3. A late fee of \$50 is paid by the applicant in addition to the 17 license fee.
- 18 (3) AN APPLICANT FOR RENEWAL OF AN AUTHORIZATION TO CATCH
  19 CRABS SHALL SUPPLY, AS PART OF THE APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT'S HOME
  20 ADDRESS AND AT LEAST TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION.
- 21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 22 1, 2018.