

Chapter 264

(Senate Bill 393)

AN ACT concerning

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact – Amendment I – Adoption

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain contingency relating to the adoption of a certain amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; entering the State into a certain amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; providing for the withdrawal of the State from the amendment; and generally relating to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–301 Amendment I

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume)

(As enacted by Chapter 123 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1978)

BY repealing

Chapter 123 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1978

Section 2

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

Article – Natural Resources

4–301.

Amendment I

The states consenting to this amendment agree that any two or more of them may designate the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission as a joint regulatory agency with such powers as they may jointly confer from time to time for the regulation of the fishing operations of the citizens and vessels of such designating states with respect to specific fisheries in which such states have a common interest. The representatives of such states on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission shall constitute a separate section of such commission for the exercise of the additional powers so granted provided that the states so acting shall appropriate additional funds for this purpose. The creation of such section as a joint regulatory agency shall not deprive the states participating therein of any of their privileges or powers or responsibilities in the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission under the general compact (consented to by Public Law 721, 81st Congress, 2nd Session, approved August 19, 1950).

Chapter 123 of the Acts of 1978

[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take effect until a similar Act is passed by the states participating in the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; that those states are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly of Maryland by the passage of a similar Act; and that upon that event the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State of Maryland hereby enters into an amendment of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact with any one or more of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts, Florida, and such other states as may become party to the compact for the purpose of authorizing the states that ratify this amendment to establish joint regulations of specific fisheries common to those states through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and their representatives on that body. Notice of intention to withdraw from this amendment shall be:

- (1) executed and transmitted by the Governor;
- (2) in accordance with Article XII of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; and
- (3) effective as to this State with those states that similarly ratify this amendment.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.