

## Chapter 430

**(House Bill 1131)**

AN ACT concerning

**Natural Resources – Limited Fishing Guide License – Propulsion of Boats and Vessels**

FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which a boat or vessel used under a limited fishing guide license may be propelled; and generally relating to limited fishing guide licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Natural Resources  
 Section 4–210(g)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

4–210.

(g) (1) The Department may issue a limited fishing guide license that is applicable in all waters of the State to allow a license holder to guide:

(i) Anglers in up to 3 boats or vessels that:

1. Have 1 or 2 occupants; and
2. Are propelled by [oars or paddles] **HUMAN POWER**; or

(ii) 1. Except as provided in item 2 of this item, up to 10 anglers fishing from shore or on foot in the water; or

2. Any number of anglers who are participating in an educational or recreational program sponsored by a State, local, or municipal government and who are fishing from shore or on foot in the water.

(2) A person may not accept any consideration for services as a fishing guide licensed under this subsection unless the person and all persons being guided possess, as applicable, an angler's license issued under § 4–604 of this title or a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license issued under § 4–745 of this title.

(3) A recreational angler under the guidance of a limited fishing guide in tidal waters may not:

(i) Catch or possess the species of fish known as the striped bass or rockfish in the tidal waters designated in § 4–210.1(f) of this subtitle; and

(ii) From March 1 through May 31, catch or attempt to catch the species of fish known as the striped bass or rockfish in spawning areas and rivers, including all waters north of a line from Abbey Point to Worton Point, including the Sassafras River, Bohemia River, Elk River, Northeast River, Susquehanna River, Susquehanna Flats, and the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**