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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tidal Fish Licenses - Striped Bass - Authorizations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to limit, by
4 regulation, the total number of authorizations to fish for striped bass to those
5 persons who were maintained as candidates on the waiting list to obtain a tidal fish
6 license between certain dates; requiring an applicant who meets certain
7 qualifications to apply for an authorization to fish for striped bass before a certain
8 date; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the
9 authorization to fish for striped bass.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Natural Resources
12 Section 4-701(g)(4)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Natural Resources**

18 4-701.

19 (g) (4) (i) The Department shall by regulation limit the total number of
20 authorizations to fish for striped bass under any commercial license to the number of
21 persons who, based on the best information available to the Department[, were
22 authorized to fish for striped bass between September 1, 1993 and April 1, 1994]:

23 1. WERE AUTHORIZED TO FISH FOR STRIPED BASS
24 BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 1993 AND APRIL 1, 1994; OR

25 2. WERE MAINTAINED AS CANDIDATES ON THE WAITING
26 LIST TO OBTAIN TIDAL FISH LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (VII) OF THIS
27 SECTION BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 1993 AND MARCH 31, 1996.

28 (II) AN APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF
29 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MUST APPLY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
30 FISH FOR STRIPED BASS BEFORE MARCH 1, 1997.

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1 [(ii)] (III) The Department shall provide in its regulations for
2 reallocation of any authorizations that may be revoked or voluntarily relinquished to the
3 Department.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does not affect
5 the termination provisions of § 4-701(g) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by
6 Chapter 184 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994. This Act shall terminate when
7 the termination provisions of Chapter 184 of 1994 takes effect.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 1996.