

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 213

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike "a certain individual" and substitute "certain individuals"; in line 16, after "circumstances;" insert "requiring a certain report;"; and in lines 16 and 17, strike "providing for the effective date of this Act;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“(1) USES A TROTLINE, WHICH MAY NOT EXCEED 1,000 FEET IN LENGTH;

(2) USES COLLAPSIBLE CRAB TRAPS, NOT TO EXCEED 10; OR

(3) USES NET RINGS, NOT TO EXCEED 10.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 13, strike “, \$1” and substitute “OR A RESIDENT CONSOLIDATED SENIOR SPORT FISHING LICENSE, \$2”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 21 through 28, inclusive, and substitute:

“(D) A NONCOMMERCIAL CRABBING LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR:

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE CRABS BY DIPNET OR HANDLINE; OR

(2) A PERSON WHO OWNS PRIVATE PROPERTY ALONG THE SHORE TO SET UP TO TWO CRAB POTS FROM THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY.”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 2 through line 4 on page 3 and substitute:

“(I) ONE BUSHEL FOR A HOLDER OF A NONCOMMERCIAL CRABBING LICENSE OR AN INDIVIDUAL EXEMPT UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) TWO BUSHELS PER BOAT IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE INDIVIDUALS ON THE BOAT AND AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS A NONCOMMERCIAL CRABBING LICENSE; AND

(III) TWO BUSHELS PER BOAT IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE INDIVIDUALS TAKING CRABS BY DIPNET OR HANDLINE.”.

On page 3, in line 8, strike “25” and substitute “20”; in the same line, after “OR” insert “NET”; in lines 8 and 9, strike “AND (II) TWO 1,000-FOOT TROT LINES” and substitute “OR (II) TWO TROT LINES, EACH OF WHICH MAY NOT EXCEED 1,000 FEET IN LENGTH”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, in line 13, after “CATCH.” insert “THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS EXPENDED ON THE CRAB RESEARCH MAY NOT EXCEED \$150,000.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 34 through 37, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare a report to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, House Environmental Matters Committee, and Chesapeake Bay Commission, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, no later than December 31, 1998, and every year thereafter, which shall include estimates or survey results detailing the number of recreational crabbers, the categories or groupings of recreational crabbing activities such as handlines, trotlines, traps, shoreline owners' use of crab pots, and whether such activities are carried out from private boats, hired boats, or from the shore or piers. The report shall also include estimates or counts of recreational crab catchers, by category, for at least the last 2 years and information on short-term and long-term trends in crab populations and how recreational crabbing affects or is affected by these trends. The report shall also include itemized costs of the noncommercial crab

catch research, identifying any needs, if necessary, for expansion of the research. The report shall also include information on law enforcement activities regarding recreational crabbing, particularly enforcement of a prohibition on selling recreationally caught noncommercial crabs. The report shall also include information or results of studies dealing with the effect of fish and crab predation on small crabs.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 3 months, and, at the end of December 31, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”