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1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fish - Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of changing the number of members of the Sport Fisheries Advisory  
4 Commission in the Department of Natural Resources; and generally relating to the  
5 organization and authority of the Department pertaining to fish and fisheries.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Natural Resources  
8 Section 4-204(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 4-204.

15 (b) (1) There is a Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission in the Department.

16 (2) The Commission shall provide the Department advice on recreational  
17 fisheries matters.

18 (3) The Commission is composed of [9] 12 members appointed and serving  
19 in accordance with the provisions of § 1-102(c) of this article. The experience and  
20 backgrounds of Commission members shall represent the diversified angling interests and  
21 waters of the State.

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1                   (4) (i) The term of a member is 4 years and a member may be  
2 reappointed.

3                   (ii) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor  
4 is appointed and qualifies.

5                   (iii) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
6 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 1997.