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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crabbing Trotlines**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing certain standards for crab trotlines and floats; and
4 generally relating to crabbing.

5 BY adding to

6 Article - Natural Resources

7 Section 4-815

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Natural Resources**

13 4-815.

14 (A) (1) ALL CRAB TROTLINES SHALL HAVE:

15 (I) ATTACHED IN-LINE FLOATS; OR

16 (II) UNATTACHED AND INDIVIDUALLY ANCHORED FLOATS.

17 (2) FLOATS SHALL BE:

18 (I) LOCATED DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE TROTLINE; AND

19 (II) PLACED EVERY 500 FEET.

20 (3) A FLOAT SHALL BE ATTACHED TO EACH END OF A TROTLINE.

21 (4) A TROTLINE SHALL HAVE FLOATS OF THE SAME COLOR.

22 (B) (1) RECTANGULAR FLOATS SHALL BE AT LEAST 3 INCHES BY 7 INCHES
23 BY 12 INCHES.

1 (2) CYLINDRICAL FLOATS SHALL BE AT LEAST 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER
2 AND 12 INCHES LONG.

3 (3) SPHERICAL FLOATS SHALL BE AT LEAST 12 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 1998.