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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Clerks of Circuit Courts - Bait, Fishing, and Hunting Documents

3 FOR the purpose of transferring from the clerks of circuit courts to the Department of

Natural Resources, or certain designated agents, all responsibilities in 4

5 connection with issuance of certain fishing, hunting, gunning rig, stationary

6 blind, and blind site licenses, stamps, and permits and collection of fees for these

7 documents; deleting provisions for compensation of clerks in connection with

8 these duties; deleting provisions for notice to clerks about exemption of certain

9 public waterfront property from registration for blind site and stationary blind

10 licenses; barring designation of a clerk as an agent of the Department in

connection with issuance of certain documents or collection of certain fees after 11

12 certain dates; repealing certain provisions for the licensure of live bait dealers;

13 repealing certain restrictions on types and quantities of bait possessed and sold

and on transporting of bait; clarifying that certain stamps are not transferable; 14 15 clarifying duplicative and contradictory provisions with respect to compensation

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of designated agents for hunting licenses and stamps; deleting certain provisions on accounting for, crediting, and requisitioning certain funds; 17

18 providing for the transfer of certain blank forms and other documents and

19 records from the clerks to the Department; providing for the effect of this Act on

20 current licenses, permits, and stamps; providing for the construction of

provisions relating to the license issuing authority; providing for the effective 21

22 dates of various sections of this Act; and making stylistic changes.

23 BY adding to

- Article Natural Resources 24
- 25 Section 1-107
- 26 Annotated Code of Maryland

27 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- Article Natural Resources 29
- 30 Section 4-208
- 31 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 32 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 2 Article Natural Resources
- 3 Section 10-209, 10-301(c), (f)(1)(iv), (g), and (i), 10-302(b)(2), 10-305,
- 4 10-308(a)(1) and (d), 10-308.1(a) and (d), 10-309(d) and (f), 10-502(a) and
- 5 (c), 10-607(b) and (c), and 10-612(c)(3) and (4), (d)(1), (e), (f), (g), and (i)(3)
- 6 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 7 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 8 BY repealing
- 9 Article Natural Resources
- 10 Section 4-11A-19
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 13 BY repealing
- 14 Article Natural Resources
- 15 Section 10-308(e)
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 19 Article Natural Resources
- 20 Section 1-107
- 21 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 22 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 23 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)
- 24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 25 Article Natural Resources
- 26 Section 1-107
- 27 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 28 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 29 (As enacted by Sections 1 and 2 of this Act)
- 30 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 31 Article Natural Resources
- 32 Section 4-701(e)
- 33 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 34 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 35 (As enacted by Chapter 184 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994)
- 36 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 37 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

2 1-107.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN §§ 10-607 AND 10-612 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
DEPARTMENT MAY NOT USE A CLERK OF A CIRCUIT COURT AS AN AGENT OF THE
DEPARTMENT FOR ISSUANCE OF ANY LICENSE, PERMIT, OR STAMP OR FOR THE
COLLECTION OF ANY FEE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

7 4-208.

8 [(a)] There is a State Fisheries Management and Protection Fund in the 9 Department. Any money received from any fish and fisheries license, stamp, permit, 10 or application fee as provided in this title, unless otherwise provided shall be credited 11 to the Fund and used only for the scientific investigation, protection, propagation, and

12 management of nontidal finfish.

[(b) The clerks of the courts shall transmit to the Department on the first day
of each month any money received by them for sport fishing licenses and stamps. The
Department shall account for these funds to the Treasurer who then shall credit
amounts received to the State Fisheries Management and Protection Fund. The
Treasurer shall pay out funds on the warrant of the Comptroller upon requisition of
the Department.]

19 [4-11A-19.

(a) Any person desiring to sell live bait in Montgomery, Frederick, or
Washington County shall apply to the clerk of the circuit court for the county for a live
bait dealer's license. The application shall be in the form the Department prescribes,
and contain an affidavit signed by the applicant that he is a resident of the county.
Upon payment by the applicant of an annual fee of \$10.50, the clerk of the circuit
court may issue a license supplied by the Department to the clerk. As compensation
for each bait dealer's license issued, the clerk of the circuit court shall retain 50 cents.
Any money collected for license fees during a month shall be forwarded to the
Department on the first day of each succeeding month. The Department shall account
for the money to the State Treasurer.

30 (b) A live bait dealer may sell only minnows, chubs measuring less than 6
31 inches in length, and killifishes and mad toms procured from the waters of the
32 Potomac River. He may not possess more than 750 bait fish of every type at one time.
33 The bait boxes of the live bait dealer shall be open for a Natural Resources police
34 officer to inspect at any reasonable time.

35 (c) A live bait dealer may not sell more than 35 bait fish to any person in any
36 day. A licensee may not transport bait fish out of the county where purchased or sell
37 it outside that county. A purchaser from the licensee may not resell bait fish but may
38 transport it outside of the county where purchased.]

1 10-209.

2 [(a)] There is a State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund in the 3 Department. Any money accruing to the Fund from any license, stamp, application, or 4 permit fee provided in this title shall be credited, unless otherwise provided, to this 5 Fund and used only for the scientific investigation, protection, propagation, and 6 management of wildlife.

7 [(b) The clerks of the courts shall transmit to the Department on the first day 8 of each month all moneys received by the clerks for hunting licenses and stamps. The 9 Department shall account for these funds to the Treasurer who then shall credit 10 amounts received to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund. The 11 Treasurer shall pay out funds on the warrant of the Comptroller upon requisition of 12 the Department.]

13 10-301.

14 (c) A person may apply for a hunter's license to [the clerk of the circuit court
15 for any county or to] any person designated by the Department. The application shall
16 be on a form the Department prepares and supplies. The applicant shall fill out, sign,
17 and submit the application to the [court clerk or] person designated to issue the
18 hunter's license. A person may apply by mail.

19 (f) (1) There shall be the following types of hunting licenses in the State:

20 (iv) A nonresident 3-day hunting license that enables the purchaser

21 to hunt all legal game birds and mammals except deer and turkey for the 3

22 consecutive legal hunting days in a single season that are specified on the license by

23 the issuing [court clerk or] agent. The purchaser must also purchase a Maryland

24 migratory wild waterfowl stamp and a federal migratory bird hunting and

25 conservation stamp to hunt wild waterfowl with this license. Under no circumstance

 $26\,$ does this license authorize the purchaser to hunt deer and turkey.

27 [The court clerk or] A person designated to sell the hunting licenses and (g) individual hunting stamps shall issue the hunting licenses and individual hunting 28 stamps and collect the fee prescribed in subsection (f) of this section. A hunting license 29 30 may not be issued to any person under the age of 16 years without the written consent 31 of the person's parent or guardian. The Department shall furnish the hunting licenses 32 and individual hunting stamps to the [court clerk or] designated person. The issuing 33 [clerk or] person shall countersign the license, and retain the duplicate copy of the 34 license. The duplicate copies and money collected every month shall be mailed to the 35 Department on the first day of the succeeding month each year. The [court clerk or] 36 designated person who sells and issues the hunting licenses and individual hunting 37 stamps shall retain as compensation 50 cents for each senior consolidated annual 38 license, senior consolidated lifetime license, resident and nonresident basic LICENSE, 39 or nonresident 3-day hunting license, and individual hunting stamp sold and issued, 40 and [shall retain as compensation] \$1 for each consolidated hunting license sold and 41 issued, except a senior consolidated annual license and a senior consolidated lifetime 42 license.

1 (i) The licensee shall sign the licensee's name in ink on the hunting license at

2 the time the licensee obtains the hunting license. [It] A HUNTING LICENSE OR

3 INDIVIDUAL HUNTING STAMP may not be transferred to any other person.

4 10-302.

5 (b) (2) The agent shall [date and affix any deer, bow and arrow, or black
6 powder stamp purchased on a basic hunting license in accordance with § 10-308 of
7 this subtitle] WRITE OR STAMP THE DATE OF ISSUANCE ON THE FACE OF EVERY
8 CONSOLIDATED AND RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT BASIC HUNTING LICENSE AND
9 INDIVIDUAL HUNTING STAMP THAT THE DESIGNATED AGENT ISSUES UNDER THIS
10 SECTION. EACH INDIVIDUAL HUNTING STAMP SHALL BE AFFIXED TO A LICENSE IN
11 THE MANNER THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES.

12 10-305.

13 If any person loses the person's hunter's license, the person may make affidavit 14 stating the date the license was issued, its number[,] AND description, and the name 15 of the [court clerk or] designated person who issued the license. Upon receipt of this 16 information the Department may issue a duplicate hunting license for a \$1 fee.

17 10-308.

18 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, in

19 addition to the basic hunting license, a person hunting deer in the State first shall

20 obtain, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-301 OF THIS SUBTITLE, the appropriate individual 21 hunting stamp.

22 (d) [(1) A person may obtain the consolidated hunting license, the resident 23 and nonresident basic license, and individual hunting stamp from the clerk of the 24 circuit court of any county or from any person designated by the Department.

25 (2) The issuing clerk or person designated shall retain the sum of 50 26 cents as compensation for issuing each resident and nonresident basic hunting license 27 and an individual hunting stamp and \$1 as compensation for issuing each 28 consolidated hunting license. The balance of the fee is paid over and accounted for in

29 the same manner as hunting licenses.

30 (3)] The Department shall use \$1 from the sale of each consolidated 31 hunting license and, except for the fee retained by the issuing [clerk] DESIGNATED 32 AGENT, all of the money derived from the sale of bow and arrow and black powder 33 stamps as follows:

34	[(i)]	(1)	Up to 40 percent to:	
35		[1.]	(I)	Provide bow hunter education;
36 37 ranges; or		[2.]	(II)	Acquire, construct, and maintain public archery

1 2	program or project related to b	[3.] oow or m	(III) uzzle loa	Perform any study necessary to evaluate any der hunting; and				
3	[(ii)]	(2)	The ren	naining percentage to:				
4 5	system during the muzzle load	[1.] ler and bo	(I) ow huntir	Establish an effective and efficient deer checking ng deer season;				
6 7	loader and bow hunting seasor	[2.] n by:	(II)	Acquire additional hunter access during the muzzle				
8 9	muzzle loader and bow huntin	[A.] g;	1.	The opening of additional State-owned lands to				
10 11	reach areas not open to muzzl	[B.] e loader	2. and bow	The purchase of rights-of-way or access roads to hunting;				
12 13	loader and bow hunting; and	[C.]	3.	The acquisition of additional lands for muzzle				
14 15	newly opened areas; and	[D.]	4.	The administration of a permit system applicable to				
17 18	 [3.] (III) Police hunting lands during the muzzle loader and bow hunting season and provide additional law enforcement personnel as necessary to accomplish additional hunter access under item [2] (II) of this [subparagraph] PARAGRAPH. 							
 [(e) The court clerk or designated person shall write or stamp the date of issuance on the face of every consolidated hunting license, resident and nonresident basic hunting license, and individual hunting stamp issued under this section. Each individual hunting stamp shall be affixed in the manner that the Department provides. The recipient shall sign the consolidated hunting license or resident or nonresident basic hunting license in ink.] 								
26	10-308.1.							
28 29	 (a) In addition to the consolidated hunting license, nonresident 3-day hunting license, or resident or nonresident basic hunting license, a person hunting wild waterfowl in the State first shall obtain, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-301 OF THIS SUBTITLE, a Maryland migratory wild waterfowl stamp. 							
	a fee of \$6 [from the clerk of	the circu	it court o	[aryland migratory wild waterfowl stamp for f any county or] from any person rk or] person designated shall retain				

33 designated by the Department. The [issuing clerk or] person designated shall retain

34 the sum of 10 cents as compensation for issuing each stamp. The balance of the fee is 35 paid over and accounted for to the State Treasurer. The Treasurer shall credit all such 36 fees received to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund, in accordance

37 with § 10-209 of this title.

1 (2) The Department may sell expired stamps below face value to the 2 general public for a period of 3 years, after which time the Department shall shred 3 any unsold expired stamps. All revenues derived from the sale of these stamps shall 4 revert back to the Game Management Fund.

5 10-309.

6 (d) (1) To apply for a license as a master hunting guide, an applicant shall:

7 (i) Submit an application to [the clerk of the circuit court or to] 8 any person designated by the Department;

9 (ii) Furnish any information required by the Department on the 10 application, including the oath provided in subsection (e) of this section; and

11 (iii) Pay to the [clerk of the circuit court or] person designated to 12 issue the master hunting guide license a fee of \$100.

13 (2) As compensation for issuing the license, the issuing [clerk or] 14 designee shall retain 25 cents of each \$100 fee received under this section.

15 (3) On the first day of each month, the [clerk or] designee shall send to
16 the Department the remainder of the fees received for master hunting guide licenses
17 DURING THE PRECEDING MONTH.

18 (f) The [clerk of the circuit court or the] person designated by the19 Department shall issue a master hunting guide license to any applicant who meets20 the requirements of this section.

21 10-502.

(a) Any nonresident of the State who desires to trap furbearers, except otter or
beaver, first shall procure a nonresident trapper's license in addition to any other
license required. The license shall be issued only to residents of other states [which]
THAT grant the same trapping privileges to Maryland residents.

(c) In addition to the license fee, the [court clerk or] designated person who
sells and issues the license may collect a processing fee equal to 10% of the license fee,
and the balance of the fee shall be paid and accounted for in the manner provided by
[§ 10-209] § 10-301 of this title.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland 31 read as follows:

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)	HOUSE BILL 930
1	Article - Natural Resources
2	1-107.
	Except as provided in [§§ 10-607 and] § 10-612 of this article, the Department may not use a clerk of a circuit court as an agent of the Department for issuance of any license, permit, or stamp or for the collection of any fee under this article.
6	10-607.
9	(b) (1) A resident may apply TO ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT for a gunning rig license [to the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the gunning rig is kept or moored when not in use during the hunting season].
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11 Each applicant shall certify that the applicant is a resident of the (2)12 State and that the applicant will comply with the federal and State laws and 13 regulations controlling the hunting of wild waterfowl. If 2 or more residents own the 14 same rig, all parties shall sign the application.

15 [The clerk] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT shall issue (c) 16 the license upon payment of a \$5.50 fee. The [clerk] PERSON WHO SELLS AND ISSUES THE LICENSE shall retain 50 cents to cover the issuing costs. In case of resident 17 co-ownership, the license may be issued in every name. 18

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland 20 read as follows:

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Article - Natural Resources

22 1-107.

23 [Except as provided in § 10-612 of this article, the] THE Department may not

24 use a clerk of a circuit court as an agent of the Department for issuance of any license,

25 permit, or stamp or for the collection of any fee under this article.

26 10-612.

[In] Anne Arundel County [, the County] is exempt from any 27 (c) (3) 28 registration requirement of this subtitle, including the payment of fees, for any 29 off-shore stationary blind that the County has registered in previous years or will 30 register in the future for any waterfront public property owned by the County and 31 located in the County. To comply with the provisions of this subtitle, the Anne Arundel 32 County Department of Recreation and Parks need only notify the [clerk of the court 33 in Anne Arundel County and the] Department that the waterfront public property is 34 unavailable for public registration.

35 (4)In Prince George's County, the Maryland-National Capital Park and 36 Planning Commission is exempt from any registration requirement of this subtitle,

37 including the payment of fees, for any offshore stationary blind that the

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1 [Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning] Commission has registered in

2 previous years or will register in the future for any waterfront public property owned

3 by the County and located in the County. To comply with the provisions of this

4 subtitle, the [Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning] Commission need only

5 notify the [clerk of the court in Prince George's County and the] Department that the

6 waterfront public property is unavailable for public registration.

7 (d) (1) A riparian owner owning the required amount of shoreline shall 8 certify in writing to the [clerk] PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT that the 9 riparian owner is the owner of the required amount of shoreline. A lessee, licensee, or 10 assignee of a riparian owner shall present to [the clerk] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED 11 BY THE DEPARTMENT a written statement from the riparian owner authorizing the 12 lessee, licensee, or assignee to erect a stationary blind or a blind site. The lessee, 13 licensee, or assignee also shall certify that the riparian owner owns the required 14 amount of shoreline.

(e) (1) A stationary blind or blind site license may be obtained from [the
clerk of the circuit court of the county within whose jurisdiction the stationary blind
or blind site lies] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) Application shall be made on forms[,] THAT ARE furnished by the
 Secretary [to the clerks of courts, which] AND provide for the location of the blind and
 the name of the riparian owner AND SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN \$11.00 LICENSE
 FEE. [A person] BEFORE JULY 15, ONLY A RIPARIAN OWNER may apply FOR A
 STATIONARY BLIND AND BLIND SITE LICENSE, AND SHALL DO SO by mail.

(3) The number of stationary blind and blind site licenses that the
 [clerk] PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT shall issue to any resident
 nonowner during 1 day is limited to no more than two.

(4) [The clerk] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT shall
issue the license upon payment of a \$11.00 fee. The [clerk] PERSON WHO SELLS AND
ISSUES THE LICENSE shall retain \$1.00 to cover issuing costs.

(5) The Department shall provide each [participating county] PERSON
 30 DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT with maps designed for public display and
 31 indication of the geographic locations of each purchased site.

32 (f) The license shall bear the Secretary's signature and be countersigned by 33 the issuing [clerk. The clerk] PERSON, WHO also shall fill in the name and address of 34 the licensee and the location of the blind on the attached stub [and mail the stub to 35 the Secretary].

(g) [The clerk] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT shall issue
 ILICENSES FOR blind [site licenses] SITES WITHIN A COUNTY to:

38 (1) Riparian owners having less than the required amount of shoreline;39 and

1 (2) Any other State resident in the order in which applications are 2 received.

3 (i) (3) After November 1, [the clerk] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE

4 DEPARTMENT shall issue blind site licenses in rotation as applications are received.

5 The Department shall inspect any licensed blind site to determine the validity of the

6 certifications in any application upon request of the owner of the shoreline property. If

7 the Department finds that the certifications of the application are erroneous, the

8 Department may revoke the license by written notice to the applicant.

9 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland 10 read as follows:

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Article - Natural Resources

12 4-701.

13 (e) (1) (i) A person shall apply TO THE DEPARTMENT for a new or
14 renewed tidal fish license on the appropriate form provided by the Department and
15 shall submit with the application the annual fee for each activity for which a license
16 is sought.

17 (ii) An applicant for a new license to provide services as a 18 commercial fishing guide in tidal waters of the State shall supply as part of the initial 19 application verifiable references to any federal license that is issued by the U.S. Coast

20 Guard to operate a vessel carrying passengers for hire in the applicant's name, as a

21 condition precedent to engaging as a commercial fishing guide in tidal waters.

(2) The Department may require an applicant to certify on the
application form that the facts set forth in the completed form are true. The
Department shall require each applicant to indicate on the application form, under

25 penalty of perjury, whether the applicant is a resident of Maryland.

26 [(3) An application for a new or renewed tidal fish license and 27 accompanying fees may be submitted to the Department, or to the clerk of the circuit 28 court in each county.]

29 [(4)] (3) The Department [or the court clerk shall] MAY not accept an 30 application unless it is complete[,] AND legible[,] and correctly indicates the 31 activities for which fees are submitted with the application.

32 [(5)] (4) Upon acceptance of an application for a renewed license and 33 accompanying fees, [the court clerk or] the Department shall issue the renewed 34 license.

[(6)] (5) (I) Upon acceptance of an application and accompanying fees
for a new tidal fish license, the Department [or the court clerk] shall give the
applicant a duplicate copy of the application, which serves for no more than 30 days
as a temporary license to conduct the indicated activities.

1 [(7) Within 48 hours after a court clerk issues a new or temporary license,

2 the clerk shall forward the original copy of the application to the Department. The

3 clerks of court shall forward monthly to the Department all license fees, accompanied

4 by a license report on a form provided by the Department.

5 (8) Whenever an application is submitted to a court clerk, the clerk shall 6 retain as a processing fee 5 percent of the applicable annual license fee charged under 7 subsection (d)(1) of this section.]

8 [(9)] (II) The Department shall issue any new tidal fish license within 30 9 days from the date on the temporary license issued by the Department [or the court 10 clerk]. The Department shall send the license by first-class mail to the address 11 indicated on the application.

12 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Administrative Office 13 of the Courts shall develop procedures for the clerk of the circuit court for each county 14 to transfer to the Department of Natural Resources, unissued licenses, permits, and 15 stamps, blank forms, and the records that the clerk has maintained under the 16 Natural Resources Article or otherwise in connection with the issuance of live bait, 17 fishing, and hunting licenses or, in accordance with law, otherwise to dispose of the 18 forms and records that no longer are required in the office of the clerk for budget, 19 auditing, or other purposes.

20 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is not intended, 21 and may not be construed, to affect any license, permit, stamp, or other document

22 issued under the Natural Resources Article and those documents shall continue in

23 effect in accordance with the provisions of that article.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, after the clerks of the circuit courts cease to issue a particular license, permit, stamp, or other document under the provisions of the Natural Resources Article, any provision of law that requires the action of the person issuing the document shall be construed to refer to the Department of Natural Resources, even if the document originally was issued by a clerk of court.

30 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall 31 take effect July 1, 1998.

32 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall 33 take effect January 1, 1999.

34 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act 35 shall take effect April 1, 1999.

36 SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except for Sections 2, 3, 37 and 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.