
By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Natural Resources)**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Special Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License - Pleasure Boat Decal**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for the issuance of a special sport fishing license for
4 display on out-of-state registered boats; providing for a fee for the license; and
5 generally relating to the issuance of a special sport fishing license.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 4-745(d)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 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 4-745.

15 (d) (1) The Department may provide by regulation for issuance of a special
16 charterboat license that would be valid for all individuals on a charterboat operated
17 by a licensed fishing guide. The fee shall be:

18 (i) For 6 fishermen or less \$240.

19 (ii) For 7 or more fishermen \$290.

20 (2) (i) The Department may provide by regulation for issuance of an
21 annual special Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license, which when permanently
22 affixed to a boat [registered in Maryland], shall authorize any person on the boat to
23 fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or in its tributaries up to tidal boundaries,
24 except that such a license may not be used on a boat which has been hired to take
25 such persons fishing.

26 (ii) The annual fee for this special license shall be [\$30]:

1 1. FOR A BOAT REGISTERED IN MARYLAND . \$30.

2 2. FOR A BOAT REGISTERED IN A STATE OTHER THAN
3 MARYLAND \$30.

4 (iii) If a boat owner purchases the special license under this
5 paragraph, the boat owner may fish anywhere in the Chesapeake Bay, whether the
6 boat owner is fishing in the owner's boat, in another person's boat, on land, or
7 elsewhere. The Department shall issue a complimentary Chesapeake Bay sport
8 fishing license to the boat owner who purchases a special license under this
9 paragraph. If a boat to which the special license is affixed has more than one owner,
10 then only the individual applicant who signs the application for the special license
11 shall be entitled to a complimentary Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license under this
12 paragraph.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
14 effect June 1, 1999.