

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 407

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Transfer" insert "and Authorization"; in line 3, after "of" insert "including the number of certain tidal fish license authorizations relinquished to the Department of Natural Resources under certain procedures among the factors considered by the Department when modifying the target number of certain authorizations;"; in line 5, after the semicolon insert "establishing a procedure for a certain licensee to relinquish certain authorizations and receive a certain authorization; requiring the Department to make a certain adjustment to the number of certain authorizations;"; in line 8, strike "4-701(i)" and substitute "4-701(g)(2) and (i)"; and after line 10, insert:

"BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-701(j-1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 14, insert:

"(g) (2) The Department shall set by regulation targets for the number of tidal fish license authorizations under subsection (d)(2)(ii) of this section to be the number issued between September 1, 1998 and March 31, 1999. The Department may modify by regulation the target number of authorizations based on:

(i) Recommendations of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission;

(ii) Recommendations of fishery management plans adopted by the

(Over)

Department, the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, or any other appropriate management body;

(iii) The number of people historically participating; [and]

(iv) Target species, size, number, weight, incidental catch, total biomass, annual harvest, mortality rates, and other factors which are necessary and appropriate; AND

(V) THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZATIONS RELINQUISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (J-1) OF THIS SECTION.”.

On page 2, after line 30, insert:

“(J-1) (1) AT THE TIME OF LICENSE RENEWAL, A LICENSEE WHO POSSESSES THREE OR MORE AUTHORIZATIONS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D)(2)(II)1 AND (D)(2)(II)2A THROUGH E OF THIS SECTION, ONE OF WHICH IS A CRABBING AUTHORIZATION, MAY RELINQUISH EACH AUTHORIZATION AND RECEIVE AN AUTHORIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(II)2F OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADJUST THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZATIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION TO REFLECT THE NUMBER OF LICENSE CONVERSIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 16, strike “a” and substitute “:

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in line 18, after “SEASONS” insert a semicolon; in the same line, after “OR” insert “2.”; strike beginning with “IF” in line 18 down through “seasons” in line 20 and substitute “REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SEASONS THE DECEASED LICENSEE HELD A VALID TIDAL FISH LICENSE”.