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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tidal Fish License - Apprenticeship - Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the Department of Natural Resources issue a  
4 certain tidal fish license to a person who has received a pardon after being  
5 incarcerated for a criminal offense without requiring the person to participate in  
6 a certain apprenticeship program; and generally relating to the issuance of tidal  
7 fish licenses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Natural Resources  
10 Section 4-701(h)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 4-701.

17 (h) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
18 SUBSECTION, THE Department shall issue a license authorizing participation in a  
19 particular fishing activity to a person who has completed the requirements of an  
20 apprenticeship under § 4-701.1 of this subtitle.

21 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE AUTHORIZING  
22 PARTICIPATION IN A PARTICULAR FISHING ACTIVITY TO A PERSON WHO HAS  
23 RECEIVED A PARDON AFTER BEING INCARCERATED FOR A CRIMINAL OFFENSE  
24 WITHOUT REQUIRING COMPLETION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF AN  
25 APPRENTICESHIP UNDER § 4-701.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2000.