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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prohibited Species of Crabs**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt
4 regulations to limit or prohibit the importation, use, catching, or possessing of
5 certain nonnative crab species which have been determined to be harmful to the
6 ecology and natural resources of the State.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 4-816
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 4-816.

16 THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO LIMIT OR PROHIBIT THE
17 IMPORTATION, USE, CATCHING, OR POSSESSING OF THE FOLLOWING NONNATIVE
18 CRAB SPECIES, WHICH ARE DETERMINED TO BE HARMFUL TO THE ECOLOGY AND
19 NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE:

20 (1) GREEN CRAB (CARCINUS MAENAS) OF THE FAMILY PORTUNIDAE;

1 (2) JAPANESE SHORE CRAB (HEMIGRAPUS SANGUINEUS) OF THE
2 FAMILY GRAPSIDAE; AND

3 (3) CHINESE MITTEN CRAB (ERIOCHEIR SINENSIS) OF THE FAMILY
4 GRAPSIDAE.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2001.