
By: **Delegate O'Donnell**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Tidal Fish License - Exemption for Live Bait Harvesters**
3 **and Dealers**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting certain persons engaged in certain commercial activity
5 involving certain finfish from obtaining a certain license; and generally relating
6 to tidal fish licenses and an exemption for live bait harvesters and dealers.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 4-702
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 4-702.

16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person may not buy, sell, ship,
17 transport, or otherwise deal in finfish unless the person is licensed by the
18 Department.

19 (b) The following persons are not required to obtain a license under this
20 section:

21 (1) A person licensed by the Department to catch finfish for sale;

22 (2) A retail market, restaurant, or other establishment where finfish are
23 sold or served to ultimate consumers, and not for resale;

24 (3) A person who buys finfish for personal use or consumption[.] ; OR

25 (4) A PERSON WHO CATCHES OR SELLS FINFISH FOR USE AS LIVE BAIT,
26 LIMITED TO:

1 (I) FISH NOT SUBJECT TO A FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-215 OF THIS TITLE; AND

3 (II) FISH NOT OTHERWISE REGULATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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