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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commerical Crabbing - Daily Catch Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of imposing certain daily catch limits on persons authorized to set or
4 fish certain number of crab pots for commercial purposes; and providing that
5 these catch limits will be effective during a certain crabbing season each year.

6 BY adding to

7 Article - Natural Resources

8 Section 4-814.1

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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 4-814.1.

15 (A) A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO CATCH CRABS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES
16 MAY NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING DAILY CATCH LIMITS:

17 (1) 60 BUSHEL A DAY FOR A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SET OR FISH 900
18 CRAB POTS;

19 (2) 45 BUSHEL A DAY FOR A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SET OR FISH 600
20 CRAB POTS;

21 (3) 30 BUSHEL A DAY FOR A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SET OR FISH 300
22 CRAB POTS; AND

23 (4) 20 BUSHEL A DAY FOR A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SET OR FISH A
24 COMBINATION OF 50 CRAB POTS AND A TROTLINE.

1 (B) THE DAILY CATCH LIMITS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
2 SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR EACH CRABBING SEASON FROM OCTOBER 1 OF EACH
3 YEAR UNTIL THE END OF THAT SEASON.

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