
By: **Delegate Dewberry**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Freshwater Fishing Guides**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting certain persons who provide certain fishing guide
4 services from having to obtain a freshwater fishing guide license; designating a
5 certain area in the Patapsco River in which a person may provide certain fishing
6 guide services for compensation to a person fishing for game and freshwater
7 fish; and generally relating to a freshwater fishing guide license.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Natural Resources
10 Section 4-210.1(a) and (f)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 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 4-210.1.

17 (a) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
18 SUBSECTION, A person providing fishing guide services for compensation to a person
19 fishing in nontidal freshwater or areas of tidal water designated in subsection (f) of
20 this section for game and freshwater fish shall obtain a freshwater fishing guide
21 license.

22 (2) A FISHING GUIDE LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED IF THE PERSON IS
23 PROVIDING FISHING GUIDE SERVICES:

24 (I) FROM THE SHORE LINE OF THE NONTIDAL FRESHWATER OR
25 AREAS OF TIDAL WATER DESIGNATED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION; OR

26 (II) STANDING ON FOOT IN THE NONTIDAL FRESHWATER OR AREAS
27 OF TIDAL WATER DESIGNATED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (f) The freshwater fishing guide license is not valid in tidal waters except for
2 the following designated areas:

3 (1) In the upper Chesapeake Bay upstream of a line from Sandy Point to
4 Turkey Point;

5 (2) In the Elk River upstream of a line from Turkey Point to the State
6 launching ramp at Pearce Creek;

7 (3) In the Pond Creek upstream of a line connecting the two unnamed
8 points at the entrance to the creek;

9 (4) In the Sassafras River upstream of a line from Grove Point to Howell
10 Point;

11 (5) In the Still Pond Creek upstream of a line from Meeks Point to Rocky
12 Point;

13 (6) In the Worton Creek upstream of a line from the point at Copeland to
14 Handys Point;

15 (7) In the Fairlee Creek upstream of a line across the entrance of the
16 creek;

17 (8) (i) In the Chester River upstream of a line from Spaniard Point to
18 Nichols Point;

19 (ii) In the Corsica River, a tributary of the Chester River, upstream
20 of a line from Spaniard Point to Holton Point;

21 (iii) In the Langford Creek, a tributary of the Chester River,
22 upstream of a line from Nichols Point to Grays Inn Point;

23 (iv) In the Grays Inn Creek, a tributary of the Chester River
24 upstream from Grays Inn Point to Little Gum Point;

25 (9) In the Choptank River upstream of the Dover Bridge on Route 331;

26 (10) In the Blackwater River upstream of a line from the lower point of
27 Snake Island to the southernmost point on the opposite shore;

28 (11) In the Transquaking River upstream of a line from Alabaster Point
29 running magnetic north to the opposite shore;

30 (12) In the Nanticoke River upstream of a line from Long Point to
31 Runaway Point;

32 (13) In the Wicomico River upstream of the Whitehaven ferry crossing;

33 (14) In the Pocomoke River upstream of the landing at Rehobeth;

1 (15) (i) In the Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River above the
2 Route 301 bridge; and

3 (ii) In the Wicomico River, a tributary of the Potomac River,
4 upstream of a line from Mills Point in a westerly direction to the northernmost point
5 at the entrance to Dolly Boarmans Creek;

6 (16) (i) In the Patuxent River upstream of the overhead power lines
7 north of Gods Grace Point;

8 (ii) In the Swanson Creek, a tributary of the Patuxent River,
9 upstream of a line from Teague Point to Chalk Point;

10 (17) In the Patapsco River upstream of the [Hanover Street crossing
11 parallel to the Potee Street crossing] FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE;

12 (18) In the Back River upstream of a line from Cuckhold Point to Rocky
13 Point;

14 (19) In the Middle River upstream of a line from Booby Point to Bowley
15 Bar Point;

16 (20) In the Seneca Creek upstream of a line from Bowley Bar Point to
17 Lowen Point;

18 (21) In the Gunpowder River upstream of a line from Weir Point to
19 Rickett Point; and

20 (22) In the Bush River upstream of a line from Abbey Point to Sandy
21 Point.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 June 1, 2001.