

BY: Eastern Shore Delegation

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 747

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL"; in line 2, before "Crab" insert "Crabs and"; in line 4, before "prohibiting" insert "prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from adopting regulations to establish certain size limits for catching or possessing hard crabs;"; in line 5, after the semicolon insert "making this Act an emergency measure;"; and in line 7, after "crabs" insert "and size limits for catching or possessing hard crabs".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 in line 9, and on page 3 in line 20, in each instance, strike "To" and substitute "SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION, TO".

On page 2, in line 20, strike "or"; and in line 22, after "crabs" insert "; OR

(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR CATCHING OR POSSESSING HARD CRABS OTHER THAN 5 INCHES MEASURED FROM TIP TO TIP OF SPIKE".

On page 3, after line 3, insert:

"(F) BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2002, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR CATCHING OR POSSESSING HARD CRABS FROM AUGUST 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR THAT IS GREATER THAN 5 INCHES MEASURED FROM TIP TO TIP OF SPIKE.";

in line 31, strike "or"; and in line 33, after "crabs" insert "; OR

(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,

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ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR CATCHING OR POSSESSING HARD CRABS OTHER THAN 5 INCHES FROM TIP TO TIP OF SPIKE BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND JULY 31 OF EACH YEAR”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 13, insert:

“(E) BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2002, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR CATCHING OR POSSESSING HARD CRABS FROM AUGUST 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR THAT IS GREATER THAN 5 INCHES MEASURED FROM TIP TO TIP OF SPIKE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act supersedes § 4-215 of the Natural Resources Article with respect to size limits for catching and possessing hard crabs.”;

and in line 14, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, in line 19, strike “4.” and substitute “5.”; and strike beginning with the second comma in line 19 down through “2002” in line 20 and substitute “this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yeay and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly and, except as provided in Section 4 of this Act, shall take effect from the date it is enacted”.