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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Senior Lifetime Sport Fishing License and Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a resident consolidated Senior Lifetime Sport  
4 Fishing License; establishing the fee for the license and the means by which the  
5 license may be obtained; establishing the rights of a holder of the license;  
6 establishing a nonlapsing Senior Lifetime Sport Fishing License Fund into  
7 which fees collected for the license are to be deposited; providing that money  
8 may be withdrawn from the Fund only at certain times and for certain purposes;  
9 and generally relating to the resident consolidated Senior Lifetime Sport  
10 Fishing License and the Senior Lifetime Sport Fishing License Fund.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Natural Resources  
13 Section 4-216.1 and 4-216.2  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Natural Resources**

19 4-216.1.

20 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A RESIDENT CONSOLIDATED  
21 SENIOR LIFETIME SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO BE ISSUED TO RESIDENTS OF  
22 MARYLAND BEGINNING IN THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THEY BECOME 65 YEARS  
23 OF AGE.

24 (B) (1) THE RESIDENT CONSOLIDATED SENIOR LIFETIME SPORT FISHING  
25 LICENSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR FROM ANY AUTHORIZED  
26 AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

27 (2) THE ONE-TIME FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$25.

1 (3) AS COMPENSATION, AN AGENT SHALL RETAIN 50 CENTS FOR EACH  
2 LICENSE ISSUED.

3 (C) A RESIDENT CONSOLIDATED SENIOR LIFETIME SPORT FISHING LICENSE  
4 SHALL BE VALID FOR THE DURATION OF THE LIFETIME OF THE HOLDER.

5 (D) A HOLDER OF A RESIDENT CONSOLIDATED SENIOR LIFETIME SPORT  
6 FISHING LICENSE MAY:

7 (1) ENGAGE IN ANGLING ON THE NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE  
8 WITHOUT HOLDING AN ANGLER'S LICENSE UNDER § 4-604 OF THIS TITLE;

9 (2) ENGAGE IN ANGLING FOR TROUT ON THE NONTIDAL WATERS OF  
10 THE STATE WITHOUT HOLDING A TROUT STAMP UNDER § 4-614 OF THIS TITLE; AND

11 (3) FISH FOR FINFISH IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES  
12 WITHOUT HOLDING A CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT FISHING LICENSE UNDER § 4-745 OF  
13 THIS TITLE.

14 (E) ALL FEES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY  
15 ONLY BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-216.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

16 4-216.2.

17 (A) THERE IS A SENIOR LIFETIME SPORT FISHING LICENSE FUND IN THE  
18 DEPARTMENT.

19 (B) THE SENIOR LIFETIME SPORT FISHING LICENSE FUND IS A CONTINUING,  
20 NONLAPSING FUND, NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND  
21 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

22 (C) ANY MONEY RECEIVED FROM ANY LICENSE AS PROVIDED IN § 4-216.1 OF  
23 THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

24 (D) MONEY MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE FUND ONLY AS AN ANNUAL  
25 APPROPRIATION.

26 (E) MONEY WITHDRAWN FROM THE FUND SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE  
27 PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT, INVESTIGATION, OR REPLENISHMENT OF TIDAL OR  
28 NONTIDAL FINFISH FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FISHING.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2002.