
By: **Delegate O'Donnell (By Request)**
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2003
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Commercial Crabbing - Trotlines**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person licensed to catch crabs in the waters of the
4 State for commercial purposes from setting or fishing a trotline within a certain
5 distance of another trotline set or fished by the licensed person; providing for
6 the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination
7 of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to trotlines used for
8 commercial crabbing.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 4-804(h)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Natural Resources
16 Section 4-804(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)
19 (As enacted by Chapter 294 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)

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

22 **Article - Natural Resources**

23 4-804.

24 (H) A PERSON LICENSED TO CATCH CRABS IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE FOR
25 COMMERCIAL PURPOSES MAY NOT SET OR FISH A TROTLINE WITHIN ONE-HALF
26 MILE OF ANOTHER TROTLINE SET OR FISHED BY THE LICENSED PERSON.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
2 read as follows:

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Article - Natural Resources

4 4-804.

5 (C) A PERSON LICENSED TO CATCH CRABS IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE FOR
6 COMMERCIAL PURPOSES MAY NOT SET OR FISH A TROTLINE WITHIN ONE-HALF
7 MILE OF ANOTHER TROTLINE SET OR FISHED BY THE LICENSED PERSON.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
9 take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 2 of
10 Chapter 294 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001. If that termination provision
11 takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
12 This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

13 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
14 of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.