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By: **Delegate O'Donnell**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Finfish - Bait**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an additional exception to the prohibition on buying,  
4 selling, shipping, transporting, or otherwise dealing in finfish without a certain  
5 license; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations  
6 defining which species of finfish may be caught and sold as bait under certain  
7 circumstances; and generally relating to bait species of finfish.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Natural Resources  
10 Section 4-702  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 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 4-702.

17 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person may not buy, sell, ship,  
18 transport, or otherwise deal in finfish unless the person is licensed by the  
19 Department.

20 (b) The following persons are not required to obtain a license under this  
21 section:

- 22 (1) A person licensed by the Department to catch finfish for sale;
- 23 (2) A retail market, restaurant, or other establishment where finfish are  
24 sold or served to ultimate consumers, and not for resale; [or]
- 25 (3) A person who buys finfish for personal use or consumption; AND

1           (4)     A PERSON WHO CATCHES AND SELLS AS BAIT FINFISH SPECIES  
2 DEFINED AS BAIT UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

3     (C)     THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS DEFINING WHICH  
4 SPECIES OF FINFISH MAY BE CAUGHT AND SOLD AS BAIT UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4)  
5 OF THIS SECTION.

6     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2004.