

# SENATE BILL 994

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crabbing – Crab Pots – Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that crab pots set by a person to catch crabs be marked  
4 by a buoy that meets certain requirements; requiring the Department of  
5 Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to  
6 equipment used to catch crabs in the State.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 4–817

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 **4–817.**

16 (A) (1) A CRAB POT SET BY A PERSON TO CATCH CRABS SHALL BE  
17 MARKED BY A BUOY THAT IS:

18 (I) EASILY VISIBLE ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER BY  
19 VIRTUE OF ITS SIZE AND COLOR; AND

20 (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
21 SUBSECTION, CONSTRUCTED OF DURABLE MATERIAL.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(2) A BUOY MARKING A CRAB POT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**  
2 **THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUCTED OF A GLASS OR PLASTIC BOTTLE,**  
3 **JUG, OR METAL CAN.**

4                   **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT**  
5 **THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

6                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2009.