

HOUSE BILL 154

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By: **Delegate O'Donnell**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members on the Sport Fisheries Advisory
4 Commission; providing that the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission include a
5 certain member of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission; and generally
6 relating to the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 4–204(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Natural Resources
14 Section 4–204(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 4–204.

21 (a) (1) There is a Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission in the
22 Department.

23 (2) The Commission is composed of up to 15 members appointed and
24 serving in accordance with the procedures adopted under § 1–102(c) of this article.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) (i) Up to 14 commercial watermen and one member of the Sport
2 Fisheries Advisory Commission shall comprise the Commission.

3 (ii) The composition of the Commission shall reflect the
4 geographic regions of the State where the commercial fishing industry is operating.

5 (4) The term of a member is 2 years.

6 (5) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms
7 provided for members of the Commission on July 1, 2010.

8 (6) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor
9 is appointed and qualifies.

10 (7) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
11 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

12 (b) (1) There is a Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission in the
13 Department.

14 (2) The Commission shall provide the Department advice on
15 recreational fisheries matters.

16 (3) **(I)** The Commission is composed of **[15] 16** members appointed
17 and serving in accordance with the provisions of § 1–102(c) of this article, **INCLUDING**
18 **ONE MEMBER OF THE TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION WHO IS NOT**
19 **THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION**
20 **SERVING ON THE TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION UNDER**
21 **SUBSECTION (A)(3)(I) OF THIS SECTION.**

22 **(II)** The experience and backgrounds of Commission members
23 shall represent the diversified angling interests and waters of the State.

24 (4) (i) The term of a member is 4 years and a member may be
25 reappointed.

26 (ii) The terms of members are staggered as required by the
27 terms provided for members of the Commission on July 1, 2010.

28 (iii) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a
29 successor is appointed and qualifies.

30 (iv) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves
31 only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2014.