

HOUSE BILL 1148

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Recreational Striped Bass Fishery – Study on ~~Reporting Requirements~~**
3 **Harvest Data**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a study
5 on ~~the establishment of reporting requirements~~ methods of obtaining more
6 accurate harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery; requiring the
7 study to examine certain issues relevant to ~~the reporting requirements~~
8 obtaining more accurate harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery;
9 requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the
10 Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain
11 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
12 study on ~~the establishment of reporting requirements~~ methods of obtaining
13 more accurate harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) The Department of Natural Resources shall conduct a study on ~~the~~
17 ~~establishment of reporting requirements~~ methods of obtaining more accurate harvest
18 data for the recreational striped bass fishery.

19 (b) The study shall ~~examine~~:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) examine the benefits that ~~reporting by~~ more accurate harvest data
 2 for the recreational striped bass fishery would have on the scientific and management
 3 capabilities of the Department with respect to the entire striped bass fishery;

4 (2) consider the ~~type~~ types of information and level of detail that
 5 would be most beneficial ~~to~~ for the Department to ~~collect, including catch numbers,~~
 6 ~~poundage, the date and time of catch, the location of catch, and any other information~~
 7 ~~that the Department considers to be necessary~~ obtain for its scientific and
 8 management duties and capabilities;

9 (3) ~~the~~ consider the advantages, disadvantages, and feasibility of
 10 ~~implementing the reporting requirements, collecting and processing the reported data,~~
 11 ~~and enforcing the reporting requirements~~ implementing various methods for obtaining
 12 more accurate harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery;

13 (4) ~~the feasibility and desirability of implementing electronic or~~
 14 ~~automated reporting requirements~~ recommend methods for obtaining more accurate
 15 harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery; and

16 (5) recommend any enforcement measures that would need to be
 17 implemented to support ~~the reporting requirements~~ any methods recommended under
 18 paragraph (4) of this subsection.

19 (c) On or before December 1, 2014, the Department shall report its findings
 20 and recommendations with respect to ~~reporting requirements~~ obtaining more accurate
 21 harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery to the Governor and, subject to §
 22 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and
 23 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 25 June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
 26 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
 27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.