

Chapter 587

(House Bill 154)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission – Membership

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

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

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

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

Article – Natural Resources

4–204.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.