

SB0007/294130/1

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 7
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “Sunset” insert “and License Establishment”; in line 5, after the semicolon insert “establishing a commercial blue and flathead catfish finfish trotline license; authorizing a licensee to catch for sale blue and flathead catfish in certain waters of the State using a certain finfish trotline; requiring a licensee to fish in accordance with certain regulations; establishing the application process for the license; establishing that an applicant for the license does not need to hold a certain tidal fish license; establishing the term of the license; establishing a certain annual fee for the license; prohibiting a licensee from transferring the license; requiring a licensee to have the license in the licensee’s possession at certain times; making conforming changes; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”; and after line 14, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–701(a) and (b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–701.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 22, insert:

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“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

4-701.

(a) Except as provided in [§ 4-701.1] §§ 4-701.1 AND 4-701.2 of this subtitle, this section applies to any person who is required under this subtitle or Subtitle 2, 8, 9, or 10 of this title to be licensed to guide fishing parties or to catch, sell, buy, process, transport, export, or otherwise deal in fish caught in tidal waters.

(b) (1) Except as provided in [§ 4-701.1] §§ 4-701.1 AND 4-701.2 of this subtitle, the Department shall utilize a single, commercial license, to be known and designated as a tidal fish license.

4-701.2.

(A) THERE IS A COMMERCIAL BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH FINFISH TROTLINE LICENSE.

(B) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO CATCH FOR SALE BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH IN THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE USING A FINFISH TROTLINE, AS DEFINED IN DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.

(2) A LICENSEE SHALL FISH IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.

(C) A PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBTAIN THE LICENSE SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OR ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE DOES NOT NEED TO HOLD A TIDAL FISH LICENSE UNDER § 4-701 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE LICENSE.

(E) THE TERM OF THE LICENSE IS 1 YEAR FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31 THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

(F) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$15.

(G) A LICENSEE MAY NOT TRANSFER A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(H) A LICENSEE SHALL HAVE A COMMERCIAL BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH FINFISH TROTLINE LICENSE IN THE LICENSEE'S POSSESSION WHEN THE LICENSEE FISHES UNDER THE LICENSE.”;

in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 24, after the period insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2022, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.