

SENATE BILL 343

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Requested: September 23, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: January 26, 2021

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Shrimp Fishery – Licensing and Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a person to obtain a license from the Department of Natural
4 Resources before catching shrimp for commercial purposes; authorizing the
5 Department to adopt certain regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery,
6 including regulations establishing and implementing a certain pilot program; and
7 generally relating to licensing and regulation of the shrimp fishery.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Natural Resources

10 Section 4–904 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 9. Lobster, Shrimp,
11 Terrapin, and Conch”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 Subtitle 9. Lobster, **SHRIMP**, Terrapin, and Conch.

18 **4–904.**

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 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH SHRIMP FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES
2 UNLESS THE PERSON FIRST OBTAINS A LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

3 (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS:

4 (I) GOVERNING ANY ASPECT OF THE SHRIMP FISHERY; AND

5 (II) ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PILOT PROGRAM
6 RELATED TO FISHING FOR SHRIMP.

7 (2) REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS
8 SUBSECTION MAY AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH FOR THE SHRIMP
9 FISHERY BY PUBLIC NOTICE:

10 (I) CLOSED AREAS;

11 (II) CATCH LIMITS;

12 (III) SEASONS;

13 (IV) SIZE LIMITS;

14 (V) GEAR RESTRICTIONS; AND

15 (VI) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
17 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.