

# SENATE BILL 1118

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Fish and Fisheries – Reporting Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons licensed or regulated by the Department of  
4 Natural Resources to submit reports in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
5 Secretary of Natural Resources; and generally relating to fish and fisheries reporting  
6 requirements.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 4–206  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 4–206.

16 (a) **(1)** The Department shall audit the books of any person who packs or deals  
17 in fish resources within the jurisdiction of the Department including anyone who catches  
18 and ships directly to market.

19 **(2)** The Department audit shall be conducted to determine the quantity of  
20 resources caught and any other data needed for reporting and accounting to State officials.

21 (b) **(1)** Every person engaged in the business of packing or dealing in any fish  
22 resource within the Department’s jurisdiction shall keep accurate books, statements, and  
23 accounts showing every detail of the business.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2)** Every book, statement, and account shall be open for the Department  
2 to inspect at reasonable hours.

3           **(3)** Every person engaged in the business of packing or dealing in any fish  
4 resource within the Department's jurisdiction shall [make] **SUBMIT** any report the  
5 Department requires [on forms the Department prescribes] **IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
6 **REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY.**

7           (c) Every person the Department licenses to catch the fish resource shall [make]  
8 **SUBMIT** any report the Department requires [on forms the Department provides] **IN**  
9 **ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY.**

10          (d) **(1)** An officer or employee of any department or unit of the Executive  
11 Branch of State government may not divulge or use in any manner information contained  
12 in any report submitted pursuant to the provisions of this section that would reveal the  
13 income of any person submitting the report.

14           **(2)** This section does not prohibit the publication of statistics classified to  
15 prevent the identification of particular reports and items of them or prohibit inspection of  
16 reports and records by any official or employee of the Executive Branch having a proper  
17 interest in them.

18           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July  
19 1, 2024.