

# HOUSE BILL 1397

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By: **Delegate Jacobs**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Recreational Striped Bass Fishery – Study on Harvest Data**

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

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That:

13 (a) The Department of Natural Resources shall conduct a study on methods of  
14 obtaining more accurate harvest data for the recreational striped bass fishery.

15 (b) The study shall:

16 (1) examine the benefits that more accurate harvest data for the  
17 recreational striped bass fishery would have on the scientific and management capabilities  
18 of the Department with respect to the entire striped bass fishery;

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**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                   (2)    consider the types of information and level of detail that would be most  
2 beneficial for the Department to obtain for its scientific and management duties and  
3 capabilities;

4                   (3)    consider the advantages, disadvantages, and feasibility of  
5 implementing various methods for obtaining more accurate harvest data for the  
6 recreational striped bass fishery;

7                   (4)    recommend methods for obtaining more accurate harvest data for the  
8 recreational striped bass fishery; and

9                   (5)    recommend any enforcement measures that would need to be  
10 implemented to support any methods recommended under item (4) of this subsection.

11                  (c)    On or before December 1, 2020, the Department shall report its findings and  
12 recommendations with respect to obtaining more accurate harvest data for the recreational  
13 striped bass fishery to the Governor and, in accordance with to § 2-1257 of the State  
14 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
15 and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

16                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
17 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2021, with  
18 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no  
19 further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.