

HOUSE BILL 785

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CF SB 666

By: ~~Delegates Flanagan, Frush, Lafferty, Mautz, O'Donnell, and Szeliga, Szeliga, Anderton, Carr, Cassilly, Fraser-Hidalgo, Jacobs, Jalisi~~

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Recreational Fishing Licenses – Duration and Expiration Date**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the expiration date for and, under certain circumstances, the
4 duration of certain recreational fishing licenses; requiring the Department of
5 Natural Resources to establish by regulation a term for a certain recreational fishing
6 license; requiring the Department to proportionally prorate the annual license fees
7 for certain recreational fishing licenses; repealing a certain obsolete provision of law;
8 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the expiration
9 date for and duration of recreational fishing licenses.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 4–210.1(a), 4–216(a), 4–604(b), and 4–745(a)(1)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Natural Resources
17 Section 4–210.1(e), 4–216(c), 4–604(h)(1), and 4–745(a)(3) and (d)(1)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

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 (d) (1) The Department may provide by regulation for issuance of a special
2 charter boat license that **SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR AND**
3 **SHALL EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31 AND THAT** would be valid for all individuals on a charter
4 boat operated by a licensed fishing guide in tidal waters of the State. The fee shall be:

5 (i) For 6 fishermen or less \$240.

6 (ii) For 7 or more fishermen \$290.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural
8 Resources shall proportionally prorate the annual license fee for any fishing license for
9 which the duration of the license is shortened under this Act.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September
12 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
13 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.