

# SENATE BILL 591

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Chesapeake Bay Striped Bass Fishery – Allocation of Commercial Quota**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to initially  
4 allocate an equal percentage of the State’s total commercial quota for the  
5 Chesapeake Bay striped bass gill net and hook and line fishery to each  
6 participant in the fishery; and generally relating to the allocation of the  
7 commercial quota for the Chesapeake Bay striped bass fishery.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Natural Resources  
10 Section 4–701(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Natural Resources  
15 Section 4–701(j)(2)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Natural Resources**

21 4–701.

22 (a) This section applies to any person who is required under Subtitle 2, 7, 8,  
23 9, or 10 of this title to be licensed to guide fishing parties or to catch, sell, buy, process,  
24 transport, export, or otherwise deal in fish caught in tidal waters.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (j)   (2)   (i)   The Department shall by regulation limit the total number  
2 of commercial authorizations to fish for striped bass not to exceed 1,231 participants in  
3 the commercial fishery and 499 participants in the charter boat fishery.

4                           (ii)   The Department shall provide in its regulations for  
5 reallocation of any authorizations that may be revoked or voluntarily relinquished to  
6 the Department.

7                           (iii)   The Department shall provide in its regulations for the  
8 allocation of any available quota on a monthly basis to assure that all areas of the  
9 State have ample opportunity to attain an equitable portion of the available quota.

10                           **(IV)   THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INITIALLY ALLOCATE AN**  
11 **EQUAL PERCENTAGE OF THE STATE'S TOTAL COMMERCIAL QUOTA FOR THE**  
12 **CHESAPEAKE BAY STRIPED BASS GILL NET AND HOOK AND LINE FISHERY TO**  
13 **EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE FISHERY.**

14           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 July 1, 2014.