

HOUSE BILL 416

M2, P1

9lr1568
CF 9lr2611

By: **Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact – Amendment I – Adoption**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain contingency relating to the adoption of a certain
4 amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; entering the State into
5 a certain amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; providing for
6 the withdrawal of the State from the amendment; and generally relating to the
7 Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Natural Resources

10 Section 4–301 Amendment I

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume)

13 (As enacted by Chapter 123 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1978)

14 BY repealing

15 Chapter 123 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1978

16 Section 2

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 4–301.

21 **Amendment I**

22 The states consenting to this amendment agree that any two or more of them may
23 designate the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission as a joint regulatory agency
24 with such powers as they may jointly confer from time to time for the regulation of the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 fishing operations of the citizens and vessels of such designating states with respect to
2 specific fisheries in which such states have a common interest. The representatives of such
3 states on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission shall constitute a separate
4 section of such commission for the exercise of the additional powers so granted provided
5 that the states so acting shall appropriate additional funds for this purpose. The creation
6 of such section as a joint regulatory agency shall not deprive the states participating therein
7 of any of their privileges or powers or responsibilities in the Atlantic States Marine
8 Fisheries Commission under the general compact (consented to by Public Law 721, 81st
9 Congress, 2nd Session, approved August 19, 1950).

10 **Chapter 123 of the Acts of 1978**

11 [SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take effect
12 until a similar Act is passed by the states participating in the Atlantic States Marine
13 Fisheries Compact; that those states are requested to concur in this Act of the General
14 Assembly of Maryland by the passage of a similar Act; and that upon that event the
15 Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and
16 effective.]

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State of Maryland hereby
18 enters into an amendment of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact with any one
19 or more of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New
20 Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts,
21 Florida, and such other states as may become party to the compact for the purpose of
22 authorizing the states that ratify this amendment to establish joint regulations of specific
23 fisheries common to those states through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
24 and their representatives on that body. Notice of intention to withdraw from this
25 amendment shall be:

26 (1) executed and transmitted by the Governor;

27 (2) in accordance with Article XII of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
28 Compact; and

29 (3) effective as to this State with those states that similarly ratify this
30 amendment.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2019.