

# SENATE BILL 882

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By: **Senator Bailey**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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;

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
11 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2021, with  
12 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no  
13 further force and effect.