

Chapter 119

(Senate Bill 343)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Shrimp Fishery – Licensing and Regulation

FOR the purpose of requiring a person to obtain a license from the Department of Natural Resources before catching shrimp for commercial purposes; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery, including regulations establishing and implementing a certain pilot program; and generally relating to licensing and regulation of the shrimp fishery.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–904 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 9. Lobster, Shrimp, Terrapin, and Conch”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

Subtitle 9. Lobster, **SHRIMP**, Terrapin, and Conch.

4–904.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH SHRIMP FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES UNLESS THE PERSON FIRST OBTAINS A LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS:

(I) GOVERNING ANY ASPECT OF THE SHRIMP FISHERY; AND

(II) ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PILOT PROGRAM RELATED TO FISHING FOR SHRIMP.

(2) REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH FOR THE SHRIMP FISHERY BY PUBLIC NOTICE:

(I) CLOSED AREAS;

- (II) CATCH LIMITS;
- (III) SEASONS;
- (IV) SIZE LIMITS;
- (V) GEAR RESTRICTIONS; AND
- (VI) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2021.