

HOUSE BILL 465

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CF SB 102

By: **Delegates Otto and Jacobs**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: February 25, 2023

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Recreational Crabbing ~~License – Exemption~~ Gear –**
3 **Individuals Under the Age of 16 Years**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~exempting persons under a certain age from the requirement to obtain~~
5 ~~a recreational crabbing license to catch or attempt to catch crabs for recreational~~
6 ~~purposes in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries; and generally~~
7 ~~relating to exemptions from the requirement to obtain a recreational crabbing license~~
8 authorizing an individual under a certain age to use certain gear when catching or
9 attempting to catch crabs for recreational purposes without a recreational crabbing
10 license; and generally relating to recreational crabbing.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 4–805
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**
19 **4–805.**

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 ~~A PERSON MAY CATCH OR ATTEMPT TO CATCH CRABS FOR RECREATIONAL~~
 2 ~~PURPOSES IN THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TIDAL TRIBUTARIES~~
 3 ~~WITHOUT A RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSE IF THE PERSON IS UNDER THE AGE~~
 4 ~~OF 16 YEARS.~~

5 AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS CATCHING OR ATTEMPTING TO
 6 CATCH CRABS IN THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TIDAL
 7 TRIBUTARIES WITHOUT A RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSE MAY USE A
 8 COLLAPSIBLE TRAP, NET RING, HANDLINE, OR DIP NET, AS DESCRIBED BY THE
 9 DEPARTMENT IN REGULATIONS.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
 11 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.