

Chapter 407

(House Bill 1149)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Natural Resources – Shrimp Fishery Regulations – Clarification

FOR the purpose of clarifying the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to, notwithstanding certain provisions of law, adopt regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery and establishing and implementing a pilot program related to fishing for shrimp; and generally relating to the shrimp fishery.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–904
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

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] NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, 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 July 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2022.