

# SENATE BILL 145

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By: **Senator Conway**

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Fisheries Management – Regulations**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the regulatory authority of the Department of Natural  
4 Resources to issue public notices for certain fishery management purposes;  
5 specifying the types of actions that the Department may include in a certain  
6 public notice; providing that a certain public notice is not subject to Title 10,  
7 Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article; and generally relating to fishery  
8 management.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Natural Resources  
11 Section 4–222  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 **4–222.**

18 (A) A REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER § 4–215 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR §  
19 4–2A–03 OF THIS TITLE MAY AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO, BY PUBLIC  
20 NOTICE:

21 (1) OPEN, CLOSE, SET, OR MODIFY A FISHING SEASON;

22 (2) MODIFY OR RESTRICT A HARVESTABLE AREA; OR

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           **(3) ESTABLISH FOR A FISHERY:**
- 2                   **(I) PERMISSIBLE HARVEST TIMES AND DAYS;**
- 3                   **(II) A CATCH LIMIT OR TARGET HARVEST AMOUNT;**
- 4                   **(III) AN ALLOCATION OR A QUOTA;**
- 5                   **(IV) A SIZE LIMIT; OR**
- 6                   **(V) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**
- 7           **(B) A PUBLIC NOTICE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A)**  
8 **OF THIS SECTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE**  
9 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 June 1, 2014.