

SENATE BILL 793

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By: **Senator Hershey**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Limited Fishing Guide License – Propulsion of Boats and**
3 **Vessels**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which a boat or vessel used under a limited
5 fishing guide license may be propelled; and generally relating to limited fishing guide
6 licenses.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 4–210(g)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 4–210.

16 (g) (1) The Department may issue a limited fishing guide license that is
17 applicable in all waters of the State to allow a license holder to guide:

18 (i) Anglers in up to 3 boats or vessels that:

19 1. Have 1 or 2 occupants; and

20 2. Are propelled by [oars or paddles] **HUMAN POWER**; or

21 (ii) 1. Except as provided in item 2 of this item, up to 10 anglers

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 fishing from shore or on foot in the water; or

2 2. Any number of anglers who are participating in an
3 educational or recreational program sponsored by a State, local, or municipal government
4 and who are fishing from shore or on foot in the water.

5 (2) A person may not accept any consideration for services as a fishing
6 guide licensed under this subsection unless the person and all persons being guided
7 possess, as applicable, an angler's license issued under § 4-604 of this title or a Chesapeake
8 Bay and coastal sport fishing license issued under § 4-745 of this title.

9 (3) A recreational angler under the guidance of a limited fishing guide in
10 tidal waters may not:

11 (i) Catch or possess the species of fish known as the striped bass or
12 rockfish in the tidal waters designated in § 4-210.1(f) of this subtitle; and

13 (ii) From March 1 through May 31, catch or attempt to catch the
14 species of fish known as the striped bass or rockfish in spawning areas and rivers, including
15 all waters north of a line from Abbey Point to Worton Point, including the Sassafra River,
16 Bohemia River, Elk River, Northeast River, Susquehanna River, Susquehanna Flats, and
17 the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2020.