

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-701(a) ~~and (d), (b), (d), and (i)(1)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-701(o)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article - Natural Resources**

4-210.

(a) Except for a person employed to operate a vessel for a master fishing guide under [subsection (e) of this section] § 4-701(O), any person who desires to accept direct or indirect consideration for providing services as a fishing guide shall obtain a license.

(b) In addition to any license required by this section, a person may not furnish any service as a fishing guide that requires operating a boat or vessel as part of that service without first obtaining appropriate federal licenses to operate a vessel carrying passengers for hire.

(c) A person who is required to be licensed under this section must have all appropriate federal and State licenses in the person's possession whenever performing services as a fishing guide.

(d) A commercial fishing guide shall be required to submit reports monthly on forms provided by the Department.

(e) [(1) This subsection is applicable only to a person who, on April 1, 1997:

(i) Held a valid fishing guide license; and

(ii) Either:

1. Owned two or more vessels used to carry passengers for fishing;

2. Owned or operated a federally licensed vessel of 50 tons or more that was used to carry passengers for fishing; or

3. Owned or operated a marina from which 10 or more vessels operate to carry passengers for fishing.