

# SENATE BILL 414

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Hooper, Harris, and Greenip**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Working Waterfront Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Working Waterfront Commission; providing for  
4 the composition of the Commission; providing for the appointment of the chair  
5 of the Commission; requiring the Commission to study and make  
6 recommendations regarding protecting and preserving Maryland's commercial  
7 seafood industry's access to public trust waters; requiring the Commission to  
8 submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a  
9 certain date; providing for the staffing of the Commission; providing for the  
10 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the  
11 Working Waterfront Commission.

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, Working waterfronts play a vital role in the economy, heritage,  
14 culture, and history of Maryland; and

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**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 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the private and public  
2 investment Maryland has made in the commercial seafood industry and communities;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Maryland's commercial watermen and seafood packers provide a  
5 valuable service as providers of quality seafood to the public, bearers of an invaluable  
6 cultural and traditional way of life, stewards of the environment, and contributors to  
7 the future growth of heritage and ecotourism; and

8 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes specific measures must be taken  
9 to ensure the viability of Maryland's seafood industry communities, the supporting  
10 economies, and associated livelihoods and traditions; and

11 WHEREAS, The State must protect and preserve the commercial fishing  
12 industry's access to public trust waters; and

13 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes that development pressures  
14 increasingly eliminate commercial working waterfront and jeopardize the viability of  
15 the commercial seafood industry; and

16 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake and Atlantic coastal waters provide a resource of  
17 great importance to Maryland and its citizens and make a significant contribution to  
18 the economic well-being of the State; now, therefore,

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That:

21 (a) There is a Working Waterfront Commission.

22 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

23 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
24 of the Senate;

25 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
26 the House;

27 (3) the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

28 (4) the Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;

29 (5) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the  
30 Secretary's designee;

1           (6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Counties, or  
2 the Executive Director's designee;

3           (7) the Executive Director of the Maryland Municipal League, or the  
4 Executive Director's designee;

5           (8) ~~the President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, or the~~  
6 ~~President's designee;~~

7           ~~(9)~~ (9) the Executive Director of the Maryland Agricultural and  
8 Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation, or the Executive Director's  
9 designee;

10           ~~(10)~~ (9) the Executive Director of the Coastal Bays Association, or  
11 the Executive Director's designee;

12           ~~(11)~~ (10) the President of the Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries  
13 Association, or the President's designee;

14           ~~(12)~~ (11) the Director of the Sea Grant Program, or the Director's  
15 designee;

16           ~~(13)~~ (12) the President of the Maryland Waterman's Association and  
17 a member of the Maryland Waterman's Association appointed by the President of the  
18 Association;

19           ~~(14)~~ (13) the Executive Director of the Maryland Saltwater  
20 Sportfishermen's Association, or the Executive Director's designee; and

21           ~~(15)~~ (14) three watermen appointed by the Governor representing:

22                   (i) the coastal bay;

23                   (ii) the lower bay; and

24                   (iii) the upper bay.

25           (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.

26           (d) The Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Legislative  
27 Services shall provide staff for the Commission.

1 (e) A member of the Commission:

2 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

3 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
4 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

5 (f) The Commission shall study and make recommendations regarding  
6 protecting and preserving Maryland's commercial fishing industry's access to public  
7 trust waters.

8 (g) On or before December 15, 2007, the Commission shall report its findings  
9 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
10 Government Article, the General Assembly.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
13 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
14 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.