

**Chapter 278.**

AN ACT to repeal, amend and re-enact chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the acts passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act regulating and making lawful the setting of pound nets in the waters of the Elk, Sassafras and Bohemia rivers and their tributaries, in Cecil county," so as to embrace in said amended act the waters of Northeast river, from Turkey point to the head of Northeast river.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That on and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for any owner or owners of land bordering upon the waters of the Elk, Sassafras and Bohemia rivers and their tributaries, and of Northeast river, from Turkey point to the head of Northeast river, said river lying and being in Cecil county, or the limits thereof, or to whomsoever they may extend the privilege to take or catch fish from nets or traps, known as pound nets; provided, however, that it shall not be lawful to take or catch fish with such pound nets as aforesaid except in the months of March, April and May of each year; and provided further that such pound nets shall not extend to or across any channel, nor shall they be so placed as to in anywise obstruct the passage of any vessel or boat engaged in trading in said waters, nor shall any seine or net be used in that portion of said pound nets that confines the fish, the meshes of which are less than one and a quarter inches square, nor shall any stake or post be used in placing said pound nets of a greater diameter than four inches in the largest part, nor shall such stake or post be permitted to remain in said waters for a longer period than that prescribed in this act for the placing of pound nets.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall not be construed to permit any person or persons to place such pound nets opposite the shore of any owner or owners of lands bordering on said waters, unless the consent of such owner or owners is first obtained, nor shall any such pound net be so placed as to obstruct the hauling of any seine upon any established fishing

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