

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved April 10, 1990.

CHAPTER 42
(House Bill 219)

AN ACT concerning

Fish – Limitations on Nets

FOR the purpose of clarifying certain restrictions on setting nets in certain areas of the Chesapeake Bay; making a certain technical correction; and allowing the use of nets in certain areas.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- Article – Natural Resources
- Section 4-728(a)
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1989 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Natural Resources

4-728.

(a) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A person may not set any net within 1,650 feet in any direction of any other net, or any net of a total length of more than 1,500 feet, including the net's leaders, hedges, or wings. In addition, a net may not be set at a distance greater than one fourth the distance across the bay, measured from the low water mark.

(2) [Also, a person may not set any kind of net in] IN the waters in the part of the Chesapeake Bay which lies between a straight line drawn from Drum Point Lighthouse in Calvert County to Hog Island POINT in St. Mary's County, and a straight line drawn from Cove Point Lighthouse in Calvert County to Cedar Point Lighthouse in St. Mary's County, A PERSON MAY NOT SET ANY KIND OF NET:

(I) NEARER THAN 500 YARDS IN EVERY DIRECTION FROM ANY OTHER NET;

(II) OF A TOTAL LENGTH OF MORE THAN 550 YARDS INCLUDING THE NET'S LEADERS, HEDGES, OR WINGS; OR

(III) AT A GREATER DISTANCE THAN ONE-FOURTH THE