

## CHAPTER 541.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 185F and 185G of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "Fish," as enacted by Chapter 537 of the Acts of 1910.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 185F and 185G of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "Fish," as enacted by Chapter 537 of the Acts of 1910, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

Section 185F. The owner or owners or occupants of any land bordering on either side of the Transquakin River or any of its tributaries within a line drawn from Irish Creek to Transquakin point (said line marking the mouth of the said Transquakin River) to the head of the Transquakin River, shall in every year have the exclusive right and privilege to select half the area covered by said waters lying directly in front of the property, extending to but not beyond the middle of said river, which he or they respectively own or occupy, for the purpose of setting gill nets, fike nets, trap or set nets of any kind or description; provided that any resident of Dorchester County, other than the said owner or occupant, who may desire to set any of the aforesaid described nets in said River may demand in writing of the said owner or occupant of the aforesaid lands on which said half of the area that he or they own or occupy, intend to set any of the aforesaid nets, and upon receipt of such notice in writing, the owner or occupant of said lands must give said applicant a definite answer in writing within fifteen days of the receipt of such notice of such intention, and forthwith proceed to exercise his or their rights in the setting of said nets, and upon his or their failure so to do, the said resident giving such notice shall have the right to set such nets on any part of the said areas. Provided, however, that fike nets, trap or set nets shall not be less than 200 yards apart.

Section 185G. Any person or persons who shall interfere with or destroy any net or nets set in accordance with the provisions of the preceding Section, or any person who shall set any nets on any area reserved as provided in the foregoing section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace for Dorchester