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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two new sections are hereby added to Article 39 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Fish and Fisheries," to be known as Sections 67A and 67B, and to follow Section 67, prohibiting the use of any sunken anchored gill nets at all times, and the use of any gill nets known as floating or drift nets and stake gill nets during certain seasons in the waters of the Potomac River; and providing penalties for violation thereof; and providing limitation as to scope and the time when the Act shall become effective, said sections to read as follows:

67A. The use of any sunken anchored gill nets is absolutely prohibited in the waters of the Potomac River at all times, and the use of all gill nets, known as floating or drift nets and all stake gill nets is prohibited at all times of the year except during the shad and herring season. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall on conviction thereof before any justice of the peace of any county of this State, most accessible, forfeit said net or nets, or device, together with all boats, vessels and tackle used in the violation of this section and be fined a sum of not less than three hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars, or to be subject to both fine and forfeiture, in the discretion of the justice of the peace trying the case.

67B. Nothing in the preceding section shall be construed in any way to impair, alter or abridge any rights which either state, or the citizens thereof, may be entitled to, either by, through, under or against the compact entered into between the States of Maryland and Virginia on March 28th, 1785.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That upon the taking effect in the State of Virginia of the provisions prescribed in this Act, the Governor of Maryland shall issue his proclamation declaring the provisions of this Act to be effective.