

of the State, fixing the season for the catching of shad and herring in such waters, prescribing the powers and duties of the Conservation Commission, and fixing penalties for violation of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 28, 29, 30, the sub-title "Nets and Seines", and Sections 48, 49, 50, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 and 64 of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-title "Tidal Waters", be, and the same are hereby repealed and enacted in lieu thereof fifteen new Sections to be known as Sections 28, 29, 30, 30A and 30B, to follow immediately after Section 27 of said Article, and Sections 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 63A, 63B, 63C, 63D and 64 of said Article, to follow immediately after Section 58 of said Article, and to read as follows:

28. *Method of Fishing.* (a) It shall be unlawful to take or catch fin fish for any purpose in the tidal waters of this State by the use of a gig or gig iron, or by the use of any purse net, buck net, beam trawl, otter trawl, trammel net, troll net or drag net.

(b) It shall be unlawful to take or catch fin fish for commercial purposes (except eels) in the tidal waters of this State by the use of any net or other device, except hook and line, dipnet operated by hand, or fyke or hoop net less than 40 yards in length, unless he is the holder of a license to operate the same duly issued by the Conservation Commission, as hereinafter provided.

(c) It shall be unlawful for the Conservation Commission to license the use of any net or other device for catching fin fish for commercial purposes in the tidal waters of this State, except the following: pound net, haul seine, and fyke or hoop net more than 40 yards in length, and gill net more than 100 yards in length.

29. *Regulation of Pound and Stake Nets.* (a) It shall be unlawful to set or use any pound or stake net or any line of such nets which (1) has a greater length than one-third the distance across the waters of the bay, sound, river, creek, cove or inlet where it is set or (2) is so set or used as to impede or obstruct navigation on or to block in any way the main channel of such bay, sound, river, creek, cove or inlet.

(b) No pound or stake net shall at any time be set or used closer to another pound or stake net than 400 yards, measured at right angles to the line of stakes.

(c) Between successive pound or stake nets in the same row clear and unobstructed intervals of at least 200 feet shall be maintained. No single line of net stakes, including the pound