

CHAPTER 647

(House Bill 536)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 30(a) of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-title "Tidal Waters", sub-heading "Nets and Seines", and to add four new sub-sections, to be known as Sub-sections (e), (f), (g) and (h) and to follow immediately after Sub-section (d) of said section, as enacted by Chapters 543 and 557 of the Acts of 1949, relating to the size and use of haul seines.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section (30(a) of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-title "Tidal Waters", sub-heading "Nets and Seines", be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, and that four new sub-sections be and they are hereby added to said section, said new sub-sections to be known as Sub-sections (e), (f), (g) and (h), to follow immediately after Sub-section (d) of said section, as enacted by Chapters 543 and 557 of the Acts of 1949, and all to read as follows:

30.

(a) It shall be unlawful to [drag any seine by the use of a vessel or boat, or to] use any haul seine more than 600 yards in length except that if the State of Virginia should take action making it unlawful to use haul seines more than 500 yards in length or should take such action contingent upon similar action by the State of Maryland, then it shall be unlawful to use any haul seine more than 500 yards in length. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the setting of a seine [from a vessel or boat] in the customary manner. "*Customary manner*" shall be defined as follows: *starting from the inshore braille, play net out in a straight line until the center of the bunt or back is in the water; then turn 90 degrees and parallel the shore until the outshore braille is overboard; OVERBOARD; then turn 90 degrees and head directly for shore. One power boat may be used.*

(e) *Haul seines shall be limited to a depth or width of fifteen (15) feet graduating to a width of twenty-two (22) feet at the*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.