

(1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 1. General Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

251.

If any vessel, float or boat shall be wittingly, wantonly and maliciously, or from gross negligence, sailed through any [seine extended in any fishery] *net lawfully placed and marked*, the skipper, captain or other person commanding such vessel, float or boat shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall pay upon conviction before a justice of the peace or court of competent jurisdiction, a fine equal to the damages ascertained as suffered by the owner or occupier of said fishery, and in addition thereto, the cost of prosecution; the amount of fine so imposed shall be paid to the owner or occupier of the fishery, and the vessel, float or boat shall be held as security for the payment of the fine.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 17, 1963.

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CHAPTER 512

(House Bill 776)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 331 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins," relating to the measurement of the length of trot lines that may be used for taking crabs in the State, and to change the penalty for violations of the law on the manner of taking crabs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 331 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

331.

It shall be lawful for any person or persons to take or catch crabs by scrape, dip net and trot line in any of the waters of the State and in no other manner or by any other means, except that in Kent and Queen Anne's counties soft crabs may be taken by means of hand-drawn net scrape, and in Anne Arundel County except with the waters of the Severn River, hard or soft crabs may be taken by means of crab seines not exceeding fifty feet in length and provided the seines are hauled up in the water and not on shore; provided, however, that non-residents of the State of Maryland are prohibited from taking or catching crabs by use of a trot line or trot lines exceeding 100 yards in length, (except from a "for hire" boat operated by the owner who is present on the boat and is