

*Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 366  
(House Bill 1101)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 293 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Tidal Waters," to decrease the minimum legal size of sea trout or weakfish, which may be caught.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 293 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Tidal Waters," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

293.

No person shall catch or in any manner take or kill, sell, offer to buy or sell or expose for sale, or have in possession any bass, large or small mouth, less than 9 inches; any catfish less than 8 inches; any perch, white or yellow, less than 9 8 inches, if taken or caught in any manner other than by hook or line; any pike or walleed pike less than 14 inches; any rock, otherwise known as striped bass, less than 12 inches in length or weighing more than 15 pounds, it shall be lawful, however, in the Susquehanna River above Hog Back Shoals and in all waters of the State of Maryland at any time of the year except from March 1 to and including June 15 to catch striped bass weighing more than fifteen (15) pounds, provided said striped bass so taken are caught only with a hook and line and not sold or offered for sale and not more than one per day for each person; any sturgeon weighing less than 25 pounds, and taylor or bluefish less than 8 inches; any sea trout or weakfish less than [10] 9 inches; any hardheads or croakers less than 10 inches; any butterfish less than 6 inches; measurement in the case of each fish shall be from the tip of the nose to the end of the caudal fin or tail.

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