

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall be construed as the separate enactment of each amendment to the applicable sections of Article 41 of the Annotated Code and to this end, the provisions of such sections are separable.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall become effective on July 1, 1971 and the Compact shall be deemed to be amended as soon thereafter as substantially similar concurring legislation shall be enacted by or on behalf of the District of Columbia and Virginia and consent thereto shall have been granted by the Congress of the United States.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this Act shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or the applicability thereof to any signatory party, Political Subdivision or agency thereof is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this Act and the applicability thereof to any other signatory party, Political Subdivision or agency thereof or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. It is the legislative intent that the provisions of this Act be reasonably and liberally construed.

Approved May 28, 1971.

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CHAPTER 777

(House Bill 390)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 304A of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Tidal Waters," to change the provision relating to who is entitled to receive a restricted gill net permit in order to allow any ~~registered voter~~ RESIDENT of any county of Maryland to obtain this license; to correct an obsolete agency designation, TO PERMIT REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY, and to clarify the language therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 304A of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 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Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Tidal Waters," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

304A.

**[**The owner of any land bordering on any tidal waters of this State where net fishing is lawful or anyone who is a tenant, renter or lessee of such owner, shall by virtue of such ownership or occupancy be entitled to receive a restricted gill net permit upon application to the Department of Game and Inland Fish and payment of a fee of \$1.50.**]** *Any person registered to vote in a county of the State is entitled to receive a restricted gill net permit in that county upon application to the Fish and Wildlife Administration and payment*