

FOR the purpose of requiring every applicant for a commercial net fishing license to certify, instead of make oath, that certain facts are true and revising the requirement of a commercial net fishing license in order to clarify that the fishing equipment is licensed.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-704(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 4-704(a) and (b) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-704.

(a) A person may not catch or attempt to catch finfish in the tidal waters of the State by the use of any net or other device except hook and line, dip net operated by hand, spear gun, or bow and arrow pursuant to the provisions of this subtitle unless he possesses a valid commercial net fishing license issued FOR THE NET OR OTHER DEVICE under the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) A person applies for a commercial license on forms the Department supplies and accompanied by the fee set by law for the nets sought to be licensed. The applicant shall furnish information the Department requires to determine his eligibility for a license, and shall state that he has been a resident of the State for at least 12 months preceding his application, or, if he is a nonresident, that he is a lawful owner of land in the State. The application shall state the exact location where any pound net is to be set. [The application also shall contain a sworn statement that if the applicant ever] EACH APPLICANT SHALL CERTIFY WHETHER HE previously had a license for nets or seines in the State, AND IF SO, THAT he had complied with the provisions of this subtitle concerning the removal and renewal of stakes, [particularly] INCLUDING § 4-711 requiring stakes to be maintained in good condition. Failure to furnish the required information or making a false statement as to any material fact, constitutes