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CHAPTER 470

(House Bill 1095)

AN ACT concerning

Fish and Fisheries - Methods of Fishing Generally

FOR the purpose of removing certain restrictions on methods of fishing.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-710(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4-710(a) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-710.

(a) A person may not catch finfish for any purpose in the tidal waters of the State by use of any gig, gig iron, purse net, [buck net,] beam trawl, otter trawl, trammel net, troll net, or drag net. Any person who violates this section by catching fish with any of the equipment or devices referred to in this subsection, with the exception of a gig or gig iron, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine of at least \$100 and not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment for at least one year, or both, with costs imposed in the discretion of the court. Any person who illegally catches fish with a gig or gig iron is subject to the penalties provided by this title.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.