authorized to investigate all explosions, accidents, or fires, in which there is reason to believe that explosives were involved. The State Fire Marshal may in his discretion report his findings in such manner as he may deem fit to the proper federal or State authorities to the end that if such explosion has been brought by a willful act, the person or persons causing such act may be proceeded against and brought to justice; or if the explosion has been brought about by accidental means, that precautions may be taken to prevent similar accidents from occuring. In the prosecution of such investigations the employees under the direction of the State Fire Marshal are hereby granted the authority to enter the premises where such explosion or fire has occurred, to examine plans, books and papers, to administer oaths to, and to examine all witnesses and persons concerned, without let or hindrance on the part of the owner, lessee, operator, or agent thereof.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 785

(House Bill 1533)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Commercial Fishing

FOR the purpose of providing that an appropriately licensed resident of the State may fish in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with an otter trawl or beam trawl if he is at least a certain distance from the shore line.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-710(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4-710(b) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: