

AN ACT concerning

Restricted Gill Net Permits

FOR the purpose of altering the fees required for a restricted gill net permit for noncommercial fishing; and altering the time a person must report catch records to the Department of Natural Resources.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-709
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-709.

A resident of the State is entitled to receive a restricted gill net permit for noncommercial fishing in the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, upon application and payment of a fee of [\$2] \$10. The permit shall be renewed annually upon payment of a fee of [\$2] \$10. The permit holder may fish a single staked or anchored gill net, not to exceed 100 yards in length and not to be used for commercial purposes. The use of nets fished under the provisions of this section is subject to every law and every rule or regulation governing net fishing. The Department may adopt rules and regulations governing use of gill nets fished under the provisions of this section in any of the waters of the State, restricting the use of gill nets in any waters deemed necessary for conservation purposes, and regulating the quantities of any species of fish caught by gill nets. In addition to any penalty provided by this title, the permit of any person convicted of violating laws or rules and regulations governing net fishing shall be revoked. Also, if a person is convicted of violating the laws or rules and regulations pertaining to illegal sale of fish, or use of nets fished, in any prohibited area, he forfeits his right to receive a restricted gill net permit for a period of five years. A permit holder [annually] QUARTERLY shall submit to the Department any required catch records. Failure to submit catch records is cause for denying renewal of the permit.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.
