

## CHAPTER 358

(House Bill 441)

AN ACT concerning

## Legal Size of Certain Fish

FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum size of certain catfish and summer flounder which may be bought, sold, or possessed; and allowing a tolerance level for incidental netting of undersized flounder by licensed commercial fishermen.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-734(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

## Article - Natural Resources

4-734.

(a) A person may not sell, offer to buy or sell, or possess any of the following fish:

- (1) Bass, largemouth or smallmouth or black, less than 12 inches;
- (2) Butterfish less than 6 inches;
- (3) Catfish, EXCEPT BULLHEADS, less than [8] 10 inches;
- (4) Croakers or hardheads less than 10 inches;
- (5) Yellow perch less than 8 inches, if caught other than by hook or line;
- (6) Pike or walleyed pike less than 14 inches;
- (7) Sea trout or weakfish less than 9 inches;
- (8) Striped bass, less than 12 inches in length or measuring more than 32 inches. However, a person may