

license to set a gill net during any one year, or of any other commercial net fishing license during any four consecutive years, unless the failure to use the license is due to causes beyond the control of the licensee and is approved by the Department, the unused license lapses and may not be renewed.

(b)] A license does not lapse if the licensee fails to renew or make bona fide use of his license because of induction or enlistment into the armed forces or employment in essential war industries, and the licensee applies to the Department for the renewal of his license within one year of the termination of hostilities or from the date of his release from the armed forces. If a licensee cannot fish every net for which he was licensed at any time during a war emergency because of some condition arising out of a war, he may not be deprived of his right to a license for these nets thereafter.

[(c) In November of each year, the Department shall mail blanks to apply for renewal of license to each licensee at the address given in his most recent application or to any other address he designates in writing subsequent to filing an application. The mailing constitutes sufficient notice and warning that the license expires on December 31 of the same year.]

[4-707.

In addition to any other penalty provided in this title, the Department may revoke or suspend for a period of not less than ten days, any license it issues pursuant to this subtitle after a hearing is held upon not less than ten days prior notice to the licensee. The following grounds are grounds for revocation or suspension:

(1) Making any false statement in the application for a net license;

(2) Conviction of the licensee or his agents of any violation of the provisions of this subtitle;

(3) Violation of any Department rule or regulation;

(4) Failure to make the reports prescribed by law or by the Department pursuant to law.]

4-709.

A [resident of the State is entitled to receive] PERSON MAY BE LICENSED TO UTILIZE 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 \$10]. [The permit shall be renewed annually upon payment of a fee of \$10.] The [permit holder] LICENSEE may fish a single staked ~~or anchored~~ gill net, not to exceed ~~100~~ 50 yards in length and not to be used for commercial purposes. The use of