

**CHAPTER 469**

**(House Bill 674)**

AN ACT concerning

**Haul Seining - Landowner Permission**

FOR the purpose of allowing fishing with a haul seine in certain waters contiguous to Baltimore County without obtaining the permission of certain owners or occupiers of land opposite to the shore or bank to be haul seined.

BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-715(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-715(b) through (h), respectively

to be Section 4-715(a) through (g), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Natural Resources**

4-715.

[(a) A person may not fish with a haul seine or any other net in any river, creek, cove, or branch of the water within the limits of or adjacent or contiguous to Baltimore County without first obtaining the permission in writing of the owner or occupier of the bank or shore in Baltimore County of the creek, cove, or branch of water opposite to which the seine or net is placed.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 4-715(b) through (h), respectively, of Article - Natural Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 4-715(a) through (g), respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.