under Title 9 of the Tax – Property Article that was enacted before the effective date of this Act, this Act is not intended to create any inference as to eligibility of any entity for a property tax exemption under Title 7 of the Tax – Property Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July June 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 263

(Senate Bill 332)

AN ACT concerning

Fishing - Regulation of Pound or Stake Nets

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain requirement to provide certain information in certain license applications on the placement of certain nets; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations on the placement of certain nets, including regulations that impose a certain limit on the number of locations that may be assigned to a licensee; and generally relating to the regulation of pound or stake nets.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-704

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-711(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

4 - 704.

(a) A person may not catch or attempt to catch finfish in the tidal waters of the State by the use of any net or other device except hook and line, dip net operated by hand, spear gun, or bow and arrow pursuant to the provisions of this subtitle unless he possesses a valid license to catch finfish issued by the Department.