

distance from shore than one-third of the distance from shore to the opposite shore or 300 yards from the shoreline, whichever is less. The Secretary shall be sole judge of what constitutes "opposite shore" for the purposes of this subsection. Where circumstances require and with regard for the rights of adjoining owners, the Secretary may designate the points with respect to distances from shore.

(10) However, unless the written permission of the riparian owner is first obtained, no person other than the owner shall locate a blind site closer than 300 yards from any dwelling house.

(11) Any owner of 500 yards of contiguous shoreline, or the owner's lessee, licensee, or assignee, shall have the sole right to body boot or hunt from gunning rigs or boat or floating blinds anchored or tied at the blind site in any area which the owner, lessee, licensee, or assignee has protected by licensed stationary blind or blind site. However, the owner, lessee, licensee, or assignee may not hunt closer than 500 yards of the nearest stationary blind or blind site of another licensee without the other licensee's written consent.

(12) Any other person who obtains a blind site license has the sole right to body boot or hunt from any gunning rig, boat, or floating blind if the gunning rig, boat, or floating blind is tied or anchored at a blind site.

(13) A person may not hunt or occupy any blind in the waters of Talbot County that is situated within 300 yards of any blind permanently constructed on shore.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 362

(House Bill 348)

AN ACT concerning

Retirement and Pensions - Transfers to or from Contributory Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System

FOR the purpose of altering provisions of law that relate to the transfer of service credit to or from certain State or local retirement or pension systems and to or from the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System by members or former members who are subject to a certain contributory pension benefit; altering the amount of the contributions to be deposited in certain retirement or pension systems under certain circumstances for the transfer of service credit to or from the part of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System that provides a contributory pension benefit; providing for certain reductions in retirement allowances based on certain transfers of service credit under certain circumstances; defining certain terms;