

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 419 (Senator Collins)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Atlantic Ocean - Otter or Beam Trawl - Purse Seines and Pair Trawlers**

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This bill provides that an appropriately licenced person may fish in the Atlantic Ocean with an otter or beam trawl if the person is at least three miles from the shoreline. Current law provides that the person must be at least one mile from shore. In addition, the bill prohibits the use of purse seines and pair trawlers within three miles of the Atlantic coast shoreline.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Enforcement can be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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