

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 673 (Delegate Weir)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

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**Harford County - Fishing Pound Nets - Distance Requirement**

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This amended bill prohibits a person from setting a pound net further than 1,500 feet from the shoreline along the Harford County section of the Gunpowder River below Maxwell Point. The current restriction is for 750 feet from the shoreline.

The bill is effective June 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal impact on small businesses as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** This bill affects the ability of a small business to set a pound net in certain areas near the Gunpowder River shoreline. According to the Department of Natural Resources, up to eight small businesses could be impacted; two businesses would be predominately impacted. Catch rates for these businesses could potentially increase due to the extension of the limit.

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