
By: **Delegates Bozman, Conway, and McClenahan**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County - Fishing Restrictions - Pound Nets and Bank Traps**

3 FOR the purpose of restricting a person from using a pound net or a bank trap in
4 certain coastal bays and certain tributaries in certain Atlantic waters located in
5 Worcester County; and generally relating to restricting the use of pound nets
6 and bank traps in Worcester County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 4-727
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 4-727.

16 (a) A person may not fish with a stationary net extended completely across the
17 middle third of the waters measured in a straight line from the east to west shoreline
18 of Sinepuxent Bay north of South Point, Isle of Wight Bay, Assawoman Bay and St.
19 Martin's River.

20 (b) A person may not haul or fish with any haul or set seine, or leave or permit
21 to remain setting, any set seine in the waters of Sinepuxent Bay and its tributaries
22 north of South Point, during the period between 6 o'clock p.m. Saturday, and 6 o'clock
23 a.m., of the following Monday.

24 (c) A person may only fish with a rod, or hook and line in the waters of
25 Herring Creek which lie south of the State Road Bridge.

26 (d) A person may not fish in the waters of Sinepuxent Bay or its tributaries
27 within the limits of Worcester County with any seine or net of any description having
28 meshes less than one and one-half inches square. However, during the months of

1 July, August, September, and October, a person may fish for fat backs and croakers
2 with any seine or net of this description.

3 (E) A PERSON MAY NOT USE A POUND NET OR A BANK TRAP IN THE COASTAL
4 BAYS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES IN THE ATLANTIC WATERS OF THE STATE IN
5 WORCESTER COUNTY.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 1999.