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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Bush River - Pound Nets and Fyke Nets**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from setting a fyke net in the Bush River
4 within a certain distance of another fyke net or pound net with a certain
5 exception; authorizing an owner, a tenant, or a lessee of certain property to
6 maintain a single fyke net within a certain distanced of a certain other fyke net
7 or pound net; and generally relating to pound nets and fyke nets in the Bush
8 River in Harford County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 4-721(c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Natural Resources**

17 4-721.

18 (c) (1) A person may not fish a pound net in any part of the Gunpowder and
19 Bush rivers lying in Harford County further than 1,500 feet from the shoreline of the
20 Gunpowder River below Maxwell Point at mean low water tide and 750 feet from the
21 shoreline of the Bush River at mean low water tide.

22 (2) (I) EXCEPT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ABERDEEN
23 PROVING GROUNDS, A PERSON MAY NOT SET A FYKE NET IN THE BUSH RIVER
24 WITHIN 300 FEET OF ANOTHER FYKE NET OR POUND NET.

25 (II) AN OWNER, TENANT, OR LESSEE OF ANY PROPERTY
26 BORDERING THE BUSH RIVER MAY MAINTAIN A SINGLE FYKE NET THAT IS CLOSER
27 THAN 300 FEET TO ANOTHER FYKE NET OR POUND NET SET IN FRONT OF AN
28 ADJACENT PROPERTY.

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