

HOUSE BILL 1201

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By: **Delegates Boutin and Weir**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.

1                   (2)     (I)     EXCEPT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ABERDEEN  
2 PROVING GROUNDS, A PERSON MAY NOT SET A FYKE NET IN THE BUSH RIVER  
3 WITHIN 300 FEET OF ANOTHER FYKE NET OR 750 FEET OF A POUND NET, MEASURED  
4 AT RIGHT ANGLES TO EXISTING NETS OR LINE OF NETS FOR ENFORCEMENT  
5 PURPOSES.

6                                 (II)     AN OWNER, TENANT, OR LESSEE OF THE RIPARIAN RIGHTS OF  
7 ANY PROPERTY BORDERING THE BUSH RIVER MAY MAINTAIN A SINGLE FYKE NET  
8 THAT IS CLOSER THAN 300 FEET TO ANOTHER FYKE NET OR POUND NET SET IN  
9 FRONT OF AN ADJACENT PROPERTY.

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