

**Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly

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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1298

(Delegate Schisler)

Environmental Matters

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**Natural Resources - Net Fishing - Restrictions**

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This bill modifies the geographic locations where specified restrictions relating to the setting of fishing nets apply.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In that part of the Chesapeake Bay that lies between a straight line drawn from Drum Point Lighthouse in Calvert County to Hog Point in St. Mary's County, and a straight line drawn from Cove Point Lighthouse in Calvert County to Cedar Point Lighthouse in St. Mary's County, a person may not set any kind of net: (1) nearer than 500 yards in every direction from any other net; (2) of a total length of more than 550 yards including the net's leaders, hedges, or wings; or (3) at a greater distance than one-fourth the distance across these waters measured from the low water mark on either side.

A person may not set or construct a net in the Patuxent River from Queen Anne Bridge to the mouth of the river, within 1,500 feet in every direction from any other net, without the permission of the owner of the other net. In addition, a person may not set or construct any net longer than 425 feet below a straight line from Holland's Cliffs across

the river to a point on the shore directly opposite Holland's Cliffs, or more than 150 feet in length, above the straight line from Holland's Cliffs. These provisions do not apply to floating gill nets or seines.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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