

HOUSE BILL 1570

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By: **Delegate Weir**

Rules suspended

Introduced and read first time: March 19, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fisheries Management – Anchored Fishing Nets – Buoy Markers**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to use a buoy or other floating device that
4 shows certain information to mark certain anchored fishing nets; and generally
5 relating to fisheries management.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 4–710(e)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 4–710.

15 (e) (1) A person may not set any anchored gill net or fyke or hoop net or
16 any line of these nets which has a length more than one third the distance across the
17 waters of the bay, sound, river, creek, cove, or inlet where it is set, or is set so that it
18 impedes or obstructs navigation on or blocks in any way the main channel of the bay,
19 sound, river, creek, cove or inlet. The outer end of the submerged gear of any nets
20 referred to in this subsection shall be marked by means of a paddle [or board], **A**
21 **BOARD, OR A BUOY OR OTHER FLOATING DEVICE** which shows the name, address
22 and license number of the net owner.

23 (2) A person may not set an anchored gill net within 1200 feet of a
24 pound or stake net, measured at right angles to the line of stakes.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2009.