

HOUSE BILL 1570

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By: **Delegate Weir**

Rules suspended

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CHAPTER _____

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; altering the
5 information that is required to be marked on certain fishing gear; and generally
6 relating to fisheries management.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 4–710(e)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 4–710.

16 (e) (1) A person may not set any anchored gill net or fyke or hoop net or
17 any line of these nets which has a length more than one third the distance across the
18 waters of the bay, sound, river, creek, cove, or inlet where it is set, or is set so that it
19 impedes or obstructs navigation on or blocks in any way the main channel of the bay,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 sound, river, creek, cove or inlet. The outer end of the submerged gear of any nets
2 referred to in this subsection shall be marked by means of a paddle [or board], A
3 **BOARD, OR A BUOY OR OTHER FLOATING DEVICE** which shows the name, ~~address~~
4 and license number of the net owner.

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.