

SENATE BILL 7

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Requested: October 22, 2018

Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2019

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Regulation and Use of Commercial Finfish Trotlines –**
3 **Repeal of Sunset**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision for certain provisions of law
5 governing the regulation and use of commercial finfish trotlines; and generally
6 relating to the regulation and use of commercial finfish trotlines.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 4–221 and 4–710(h)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 86 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016
14 Section 2

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 4–221.

19 (a) The authority provided by this section is in addition to any other authority of
20 the Secretary provided by law.

21 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary, after
22 consultation with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Advisory Commission, may adopt regulations to define and govern the use of:

- 2 (i) Recreational fishing gear; and
- 3 (ii) The following types of commercial fishing gear:
- 4 1. Fish pots;
 - 5 2. Bank traps;
 - 6 3. Fyke nets;
 - 7 4. Hoop nets;
 - 8 5. Finfish trotlines; and
 - 9 6. Bowfishing gear.

10 (2) The Department shall consider relevant biological, ecological, and
11 socioeconomic factors before adopting regulations under this subsection.

12 4-710.

13 (h) (1) Except when using a finfish trotline or in State waters in the Atlantic
14 Ocean, a tidal fish licensee may not use more than 2 hooks or 2 sets of hooks for each rod
15 or line.

16 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, artificial lures or plugs with
17 multiple or gang hooks are considered 1 set of hooks.

18 **Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2016**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2016. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2019,
21 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
22 of no further force and effect.]

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
24 1, 2019.