

SENATE BILL 713

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CF HB 1215

By: **Senator Reilly**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Natural Resources – Fishing Gear**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing that certain fishing gear restrictions applicable in certain~~
4 ~~Anne Arundel County waters apply only to commercial finfish harvesters;~~
5 authorizing a person to use archery equipment to ~~commercially~~ harvest ~~finfish~~
6 northern snakehead in certain Anne Arundel County waters; and generally relating
7 to fishing in Anne Arundel County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Natural Resources

10 Section 4–714

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 4–714.

17 (a) ~~A~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, A** person
18 ~~COMMERCIALY HARVESTING FINFISH~~ may only fish with ~~ARCHERY EQUIPMENT OR~~
19 a rod, or hook, and line in the waters of Coxes' Creek, Furnace Branch Creek, or Marley
20 Creek above the B. and O. Bridge.

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 (b) (1) A person may not catch fish by any means in the headwaters of the
2 Magothy River beginning at the base of Lake Waterford Dam and extending for a distance
3 of 3300 feet downstream during February, March, and April.

4 (2) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, A
5 person ~~COMMERCIALY HARVESTING FINFISH~~ may fish only with ~~ARCHERY~~
6 ~~EQUIPMENT OR~~ A rod, or hook, and line, in the waters of the Little Magothy River and its
7 tributaries and in the Magothy River and its tributaries lying westerly of the mouth of the
8 Magothy River and inside a line drawn 214 degrees true from extreme end of Mountain
9 Point to Persimmon Point, referring to the last edition of the Coast and Geodetic Survey
10 Chart No. 566.

11 (3) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, A
12 person ~~COMMERCIALY HARVESTING FINFISH~~ may fish only with ~~ARCHERY~~
13 ~~EQUIPMENT OR~~ A rod, or hook and line, in the waters of Bodkin Creek and tributaries
14 lying westerly and inside of a line drawn 340 degrees true from extreme end of Cedar Point
15 to Old Landen Point, referring to the latest edition of the Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart
16 No. 549.

17 (4) In the waters of the Magothy, Little Magothy Rivers, and Bodkin Creek
18 and their tributaries, a person may use an eel pot or minnow trap which does not exceed
19 30 inches in length, 11 inches in width and 11 inches in height. During February, March,
20 and April, a person may use a "D" bow frame net with handle attached which does not
21 exceed 36 inches in width or 36 inches in height in the waters of the Magothy and Little
22 Magothy Rivers and Bodkin Creek. However, a person may not use a "D" bow frame net as
23 a stationary or set net in the bodies of water named in this subsection.

24 (c) (1) During February, March, and April, a person may not catch fish by any
25 means in the waters of the Severn River or Severn Run from the dividing line between tidal
26 and nontidal waters to a point 2400 feet downstream.

27 (2) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, A
28 person ~~COMMERCIALY HARVESTING FINFISH~~ may fish only with ~~ARCHERY~~
29 ~~EQUIPMENT OR~~ A rod, or hook and line in the waters of the Severn River or any creek,
30 cove, tributary, or inlet of the Severn River. A line drawn from the extreme projection of
31 Greenberry Point into the Chesapeake Bay to the extreme point of Horn Point, marks the
32 mouth of the Severn River for the purpose of the title.

33 (d) (1) A person may not set a pound net or other similar device at any time in
34 the waters of South River, or any creek, cove, or inlet of the South River above Saunders
35 Point on the south side and Marsh Point on the north.

36 (2) A person may not set any net at any time except a gill net or a haul
37 seine in any creek, cove, tributary, or inlet of the South River.

1 (3) A person may not set any net or equipment during February, March,
2 and April in the headwaters of South River from a line drawn from Howards Point on the
3 west side of the river to Brier Bottom on the east side, and in the headwaters of Beards
4 Creek and in the headwaters of any of the creeks of South River for a distance of 1200 feet
5 from its headwaters.

6 (e) (1) A person may not set a haul seine exceeding 50 feet in length in the
7 following waters:

8 (i) Herring Bay from a line drawn from the extreme projection of
9 Parker’s Island Point into the Chesapeake Bay to the extreme point of Holland Point;

10 (ii) South River, Rhode River, and West River;

11 (iii) From a line drawn from the extreme projection from Thomas
12 Point into the Chesapeake Bay to the extreme point of Curtis Point;

13 (iv) Within the headlands of Whitehall Creek; and

14 (v) Within the headlands of Meredith Creek and Lake Ogleton.

15 (2) Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and
16 upon conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,500 with costs imposed in the discretion
17 of the court.

18 **(F) SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS, A PERSON MAY USE**
19 **ARCHERY EQUIPMENT TO FISH FOR NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD IN ANNE ARUNDEL**
20 **COUNTY WATERS.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
22 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.