

CHAPTER 561
(Senate Bill 589)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 264 (c) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 2. Tidal Waters," redefining the area within the Dorchester County waters of the Nanticoke River in which pound nets having a length of 500 yards may be set.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 264 (c) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 2. Tidal Waters," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(c) Between successive pound or stake nets in the same row clear and unobstructed intervals of at least 200 feet shall be maintained. No single line of net stakes, including the pound or head and the leader or hedging, shall have a length greater than the following:

In Chesapeake Bay, south of a line from Sandy Point to Love Point and in the Choptank River from the mouth of the Choptank River to a line drawn from Cape Point to Drum Point—500 yards.

In Chesapeake Bay, north of a line from Sandy Point to Love Point and south of a line from the northernmost point of Poole's Island to Worton's Point—400 yards.

In Chesapeake Bay, north of a line from the northernmost point of Poole's Island to Worton's Point—1,000 feet.

In the tributaries of Chesapeake Bay except as hereinbefore provided, and in the Potomac River—400 yards.

In Chincoteague, Sinepuxent, Isle of Wight and Assawoman bays, and their tributaries, and in the Atlantic Ocean within three miles of the Maryland shore—500 yards.

In Hongo River, south of a line drawn from Hickory Point on Middle Hoopers Island to Windmill Point on Aisquith Island—500 yards.

In Hoopers Straits—500 yards.

In Fishing Bay, south of a line from Point No Point to Gray's Island—500 yards.

In Dorchester County waters only, of the Nanticoke River, south of a line from [Newfoundland Point] *the mouth of Jack's Creek* in Dorchester County to [Hatcrown Point] *Triangulation Station Earle* in Wicomico County—500 yards.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* ~~That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.~~ THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE