

## CHAPTER 849

(House Bill 1188)

AN ACT to add new subsections (u) and (v) to Section 112 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Cumulative Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Birds, Game and Fish," to follow immediately after subsection (t) of the section; to add new subsection (k) to Section 151 of the Article, to follow immediately after subsection (j) of the section; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsection (a) of Section 157 of the Article, and to add new Sections 158 and 158A to the Article, to follow immediately after Section 157 of the Article, defining stationary blind and blind site, prohibiting [body booting and] hunting from a gunning rig in the waters of Talbot County with certain exceptions, providing for stationary blind and blind site licenses in Talbot County, regulating the use of stationary blinds and blind sites, establishing the required distance between licensed stationary blinds and blind sites and the required distances from shore, and setting forth the rights of stationary blind and blind site licensees.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Subsections (u) and (v) be and they are hereby added to Section 112 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Cumulative Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Birds, Game and Fish," to follow immediately after Subsection (t); that new subsection (k) be and is hereby added to Section 151 of the Article, to follow immediately after subsection (j); that subsection (a) of Section 157 of the Article be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Sections 158 and 158A be and are hereby added to the Article, to follow immediately after Section 157 of the Article, and to read as follows:

112.

(U) "BLIND SITE" MEANS A SPECIFIC LOCATION IN THE WATER WHERE A PERSON MAY HUNT WILD WATERFOWL FROM ANY BOAT OR RAFT WHICH IS TIED TO OR ANCHORED AT A STAKE AND IS NOT A PERMANENT STRUCTURE.

(V) "STATIONARY BLIND" MEANS A PERMANENT OFF-SHORE STRUCTURE BUILT ON PILINGS OR STAKES AND USED FOR HUNTING WILD WATERFOWL.

151.

(K) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 158 AND 158A, IN THE WATERS OF TALBOT COUNTY A PERSON MAY NOT [BODY BOOT OR] HUNT FROM A GUNNING RIG EXCEPT IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND EASTERN BAY.

157.

(a) Section 154, relating to distance from shore, shall not apply to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay opposite the shoreline of Anne Arundel and Calvert counties on the western side of said Bay, and to the waters of Brannock's Bay, Trippe's Bay or Todd's Bay in Dorchester County, nor to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay adjacent to Poplar Island, lin Coache's Neck, nor to the waters lying north of a straight line drawn from Black Walnut Point to Benoni's Point in Talbot County, nor to the waters of Prospect Bay in Queen Anne's County, nor to the waters within one thousand yards of James Island in Dorchester County.