

# SENATE BILL 713

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By: **Senator Reilly**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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 in  
6 certain Anne Arundel County waters; and generally relating to fishing in Anne  
7 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 person **COMMERCIALY HARVESTING FINFISH** may only fish with  
18 **ARCHERY EQUIPMENT OR** a rod, or hook, and line in the waters of Coxes' Creek, Furnace  
19 Branch Creek, or Marley Creek above the B. and O. Bridge.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2) A person **COMMERCIALY HARVESTING FINFISH** may fish only with  
2 **ARCHERY EQUIPMENT OR A** rod, or hook, and line, in the waters of the Little Magothy  
3 River and its tributaries and in the Magothy River and its tributaries lying westerly of the  
4 mouth of the Magothy River and inside a line drawn 214 degrees true from extreme end of  
5 Mountain Point to Persimmon Point, referring to the last edition of the Coast and Geodetic  
6 Survey Chart No. 566.

7           (3) A person **COMMERCIALY HARVESTING FINFISH** may fish only with  
8 **ARCHERY EQUIPMENT OR A** rod, or hook and line, in the waters of Bodkin Creek and  
9 tributaries lying westerly and inside of a line drawn 340 degrees true from extreme end of  
10 Cedar Point to Old Landen Point, referring to the latest edition of the Coast and Geodetic  
11 Survey Chart No. 549.

12           (4) In the waters of the Magothy, Little Magothy Rivers, and Bodkin Creek  
13 and their tributaries, a person may use an eel pot or minnow trap which does not exceed  
14 30 inches in length, 11 inches in width and 11 inches in height. During February, March,  
15 and April, a person may use a "D" bow frame net with handle attached which does not  
16 exceed 36 inches in width or 36 inches in height in the waters of the Magothy and Little  
17 Magothy Rivers and Bodkin Creek. However, a person may not use a "D" bow frame net as  
18 a stationary or set net in the bodies of water named in this subsection.

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

22           (2) A person **COMMERCIALY HARVESTING FINFISH** may fish only with  
23 **ARCHERY EQUIPMENT OR A** rod, or hook and line in the waters of the Severn River or any  
24 creek, cove, tributary, or inlet of the Severn River. A line drawn from the extreme projection  
25 of Greenberry Point into the Chesapeake Bay to the extreme point of Horn Point, marks  
26 the mouth of the Severn River for the purpose of the title.

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

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

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

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

1 (i) Herring Bay from a line drawn from the extreme projection of  
2 Parker's Island Point into the Chesapeake Bay to the extreme point of Holland Point;

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

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

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

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

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

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
12 1, 2022.