

# **HB644\_FAV\_Hornberger**

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February 14, 2022

The Hon. Kumar P. Barve, Chairman  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251 House Office Building  
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RE: Letter of Support  
HB 644 Cecil County – Fishing - Restrictions

Dear Chairman Barve and members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Cecil County Executive and Cecil County Council regarding HB 644 Cecil County – Fishing – Restrictions.

This legislation was requested by local fishermen who requested to resolve an outdated part of the law.

This legislation proposes that the public may not fish in the Susquehanna flats during waterfowl season. The legislation also prohibits other disruptive activity such as boating that would interfere with waterfowl hunting in the flats, particularly, during the season. The legislation also prohibits commercial netting in the Susquehanna River.

The Cecil County Executive and Cecil County Council respectfully request that the Environment and Transportation Committee consider a favorable report on HB 644.

Sincerely yours;

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Cecil County Executive

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BY: Delegate Hornberger

(To be offered in the Environment and Transportation Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 644

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “or establishing a certain fishery”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 17, after “**PLACE**” insert “**POUND**”; and strike beginning with “**OR**” in line 17 down through “**FISHERY**” in line 18.

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Robert Meffley  
Council President

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Position: INFO



*Larry Hogan, Governor*  
*Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor*  
*Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary*  
*Allan Fisher, Deputy Secretary*

**Bill Number:** House Bill 644

**Short Title:** Cecil County - Fishing - Restrictions

**Department's Position:** Letter of Information

**Explanation of Department's Position**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources provides the following information on HB 644, which prohibits the use of commercial nets or haul seines in the Cecil County portion of the Susquehanna River and removes the requirement that a commercial licensee obtain landowner permission when setting a pound net adjacent to the shore in Cecil County.

The Harford County portion of the Susquehanna River has gill net restrictions and a prohibition that matches the existing text of Natural Resources Article, Section 4-717.

So, under this bill, some portions of the Susquehanna River would restrict only pound nets and stake nets, but would allow other nets, while in other portions of the river, no nets would be allowed, including haul seines. This may cause some confusion, and hamper compliance and enforcement activities.

For any additional information, please feel free to contact our Legislative and Constituent Services Director, Bunky Luffman.