

House Bill 1699

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-4-133 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 lawful nets, opening and closing waters, and identification on boats taking shrimp, so as to  
3 provide that a certain limitation shall not apply to vessels having a draft of seven feet or less;  
4 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 27-4-133 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to lawful nets,  
8 opening and closing waters, and identification on boats taking shrimp, is amended by striking  
9 in its entirety paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
10 "(1) It shall be unlawful to trawl for shrimp for human consumption with any trawl or  
11 trawls having a total foot-rope length greater than 220 feet, not including the foot-rope  
12 length of a single trawl not greater than 16 feet when used as a try net. Foot-rope shall be  
13 measured from brail line to brail line, first tie to last tie on the bottom line. The provisions  
14 of this subsection shall not apply to vessels having a maximum draft of seven feet or less  
15 when fully loaded. The department is authorized to exempt trawls used by persons  
16 holding a valid scientific collection permit granted by the department."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
19 without such approval.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.