

Senate Bill 295

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-4-13, relating to the size and construction of cast nets, so as to  
2 provide that the Board of Natural Resources may provide by rule or regulation for  
3 modifications in the construction of cast nets; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 27-4-13, relating to the size and construction of cast nets, is amended by  
8 striking in its entirety subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "(b) All cast nets used for taking shrimp in the waters of the state shall be constructed of  
10 a uniform mesh size and a uniform mesh material from the thimble, also known as the  
11 horn, of the net to the lead line. The brail or tuck lines shall be of uniform diameter and  
12 constructed of the same material as the mesh. The lead line shall consist of a round line to  
13 which is attached a minimum of three-quarters of a pound of lead per radius foot.  
14 Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, the board may by rule or regulation  
15 provide for a modification of the construction of cast nets used for taking shrimp by  
16 recreational or commercial fishermen or both which results in construction other than as  
17 described in this subsection."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.