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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to illegal use of nets;  
amending s. 370.093, F.S.; specifying that  
certain nets are not considered to be gill or  
entangling nets and may be used to harvest  
mullet; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
370.093, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

370.093 Illegal use of nets.--

(2)

(b) The use of gill or entangling nets of any size is  
prohibited, as such nets are defined in s. 16, Art. X of the  
State Constitution. Any net constructed wholly or partially of  
monofilament or multistrand monofilament material, other than  
a hand thrown cast net, or a handheld landing or dip net,  
shall be considered to be an entangling net within the  
prohibition of s. 16, Art. X of the State Constitution unless  
specifically authorized by rule of the commission. Multistrand  
monofilament material shall not be defined to include nets  
constructed of braided or twisted nylon, cotton, linen twine,  
or polypropylene twine. Any net constructed of braided or  
twisted nylon, cotton, linen twine, or polypropylene twine,  
regardless of its mesh size, not exceeding 500 square feet  
shall not be considered a gill or entangling net and may be  
used to harvest mullet in the waters of this state.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.