

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to illegal use of nets; amending s.
 3 370.093, F.S.; specifying that certain nets are not
 4 considered to be gill or entangling nets and may be used
 5 to harvest mullet; providing an effective date.

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

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 9 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 10 370.093, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 370.093 Illegal use of nets.--
 12 (2)

13 (b) The use of gill or entangling nets of any size is
 14 prohibited, as such nets are defined in s. 16, Art. X of the
 15 State Constitution. Any net constructed wholly or partially of
 16 monofilament or multistrand monofilament material, other than a
 17 hand thrown cast net, or a handheld landing or dip net, shall be
 18 considered to be an entangling net within the prohibition of s.
 19 16, Art. X of the State Constitution unless specifically
 20 authorized by rule of the commission. Multistrand monofilament
 21 material shall not be defined to include nets constructed of
 22 braided or twisted nylon, cotton, linen twine, or polypropylene
 23 twine. Any net constructed of braided or twisted nylon, cotton,
 24 linen twine, or polypropylene twine, regardless of its mesh
 25 size, not exceeding 500 square feet shall not be considered a
 26 gill or entangling net and may be used to harvest mullet in the
 27 waters of this state.

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