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CHAPTER 261

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Disease Prevention - ~~Scientific Collection~~ Permits - Turtles**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing the breeding, raising, keeping, and possession of turtles
4 by a person who has obtained a certain ~~scientific collecting~~ permit.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Health - General
7 Section 18-219
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

10 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
11 ~~Article - Natural Resources~~
12 ~~Section 10-909~~
13 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
14 ~~(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)~~

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 18-219.

19 (a) The Secretary may prohibit the importation, selling, trading, purchasing,
20 bartering, breeding, raising, keeping, or possession of any animals found to be
21 dangerous to human health and safety.

- (b) This section does not apply to:
- (1) Domestic cats;
 - (2) Domestic dogs;
 - (3) Domestic ferrets;
 - (4) Animals used for agricultural purposes;
 - (5) Animals used for scientific purposes;
 - (6) Animals used for educational purposes;
 - (7) Animals used for public exhibitions; or
 - (8) Any animal that the Secretary determines is not a threat to human health and safety.

(C) ~~NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL~~ MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE BREEDING, RAISING, KEEPING, OR POSSESSION OF TURTLES BY A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED A ~~SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMIT UNDER § 40-909~~ TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 9 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

~~Article – Natural Resources~~

~~40-909.~~

(a) ~~Any properly accredited person of known scientific attainment desiring to collect wildlife, nests, or eggs from the wild for scientific or educational purposes shall first obtain a scientific collection permit from the Secretary.~~

(b) ~~The Secretary may issue a scientific collecting permit, on the payment of a reasonable fee, to any properly accredited person who has demonstrated a legitimate scientific or educational need for the requested wildlife.~~

(c) ~~The Secretary may adopt regulations governing the issuance, revocation, terms, and conditions of the permit.~~

(d) ~~The permit:~~

(1) ~~Shall expire December 31 of the issuing year; and~~

(2) ~~May not be transferred to another person.~~

(e) ~~The permit becomes void on proof that the permittee has:~~

(1) ~~Captured or killed any wildlife;~~

(2) ~~Taken any nests or eggs for other than scientific or educational purposes; or~~

1 (3) ~~Taken or possessed any wildlife, nests, or eggs not authorized by the~~
2 ~~permit.~~

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2002.