

HOUSE BILL 510

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Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wildlife Cooperator Permits – Disposition of Wildlife – Beavers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to authorize a person
4 who takes into possession a live beaver under authority of a wildlife cooperator
5 permit to transport and release the beaver in a certain area under certain
6 circumstances; and generally relating to wildlife control.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 10–908
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 10–908.

16 (a) Any properly accredited person desiring to assist the Department in the
17 control of wildlife injurious to agriculture or other interests, or to provide care and
18 treatment of sick or injured wildlife for rehabilitation and release back to the wild,
19 shall first obtain a wildlife cooperator permit from the Secretary.

20 (b) (1) The Secretary may issue a wildlife cooperator permit, on the
21 payment of a reasonable fee, to a person who:

22 (i) Has adequate training in the capture, handling, and care of
23 wildlife; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) Owns or leases facilities demonstrated to be of sufficient size
2 and design to properly maintain the permitted wildlife in captivity.

3 (2) The Secretary may adopt regulations governing the issuance,
4 revocation, terms, and conditions of the permit.

5 (c) The Secretary may designate in the permit the species and numbers of
6 wildlife authorized to be possessed and the disposition of the wildlife.

7 **(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL AUTHORIZE A PERSON WHO TAKES INTO**
8 **POSSESSION A LIVE BEAVER UNDER AUTHORITY OF A WILDLIFE COOPERATOR**
9 **PERMIT TO TRANSPORT AND RELEASE THE BEAVER:**

10 **(1) ON A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, WITH WRITTEN**
11 **PERMISSION OF THE MANAGING AUTHORITY; OR**

12 **(2) IN ANY OTHER AREA WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE**
13 **LANDOWNER OR MANAGING AUTHORITY.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2013.