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AN ACT concerning

A BILL ENTITLED

2 3	Snare Traps – Prohibition Against Use, Sale, Possession, Setting, Placing, or Maintaining – Alterations
4	FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law making the possession of a snare trap
5	prima facie evidence that the trap was used to violate a certain provision of law;
6	repealing a requirement that a law enforcement officer of the State confiscate and
7	destroy a snare trap under certain circumstances; repealing a prohibition against
8	possessing a snare trap in certain counties; repealing a prohibition against using,
9	selling, possessing, setting, placing, or maintaining a snare trap in Cecil County;
10	making stylistic changes; repealing an obsolete provision of law; and generally
11	relating to snare traps.
12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13	Article – Natural Resources
14	Section 10–410(k) and (p)
15	Annotated Code of Maryland
16	(2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
17	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

Article - Natural Resources

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- 21 (k) (1) A person may not set any trap, except box traps for rabbits, net, or snare 22 of any description to take any game birds or mammals, except fur-bearing mammals.
- 23 (2) (I) A trap[,] OR net[, or snare] found in the possession of any person

That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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shall be prima facie evidence that the device was used to violate this subsection. 1 2 A law enforcement officer of the State shall confiscate and (II)3 destroy [the device] A TRAP OR NET FOUND UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH. 4 5 **(3)** A person may not place traps of any description on another person's 6 property without the other person's written permission. 7 "Snare trap" means a device made of wire, synthetic cord, or (p) (1) (i) 8 other material that: 9 1. Is in the form of a noose with a slipknot, stop, swivel, or 10 eyelet holes; and 2. Is designed or set with the intent of capturing an animal 11 12 by the neck. 13 (ii) "Snare trap" includes: 14 1. A pole snare; 15 2. A hanging snare; and 16 3. A neck snare. 17 (2)(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, in IN Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, [Cecil,] Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George's 18 counties, a person may not use, sell, [possess,] set, place, or maintain a snare trap. 19 20 In Anne Arundel County, from July 1, 1990 through June 30, (ii) 211992, a person may sell or possess a snare trap.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July