

HOUSE BILL 579

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HB 955/20 – ENT

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By: **Delegate Hornberger**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Snare Traps – Prohibition Against Sale or Possession – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against possessing a snare trap in certain
4 counties; repealing a prohibition against using, selling, possessing, setting, placing,
5 or maintaining a snare trap in Cecil County; repealing an obsolete provision of law;
6 and generally relating to snare traps.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 10–410(p)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 10–410.

16 (p) (1) (i) “Snare trap” means a device made of wire, synthetic cord, or
17 other material that:

18 1. Is in the form of a noose with a slipknot, stop, swivel, or
19 eyelet holes; and

20 2. Is designed or set with the intent of capturing an animal
21 by the neck.

22 (ii) “Snare trap” includes:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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- 1 1. A pole snare;
- 2 2. A hanging snare; and
- 3 3. A neck snare.

4 (2) [(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, in] **IN**
5 Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, [Cecil,] Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George's
6 counties, a person may not use, sell, [possess,] set, place, or maintain a snare trap.

7 [(ii) In Anne Arundel County, from July 1, 1990 through June 30,
8 1992, a person may sell or possess a snare trap.]

9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2021.