

# SENATE BILL 284

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By: **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Sale, Barter, or Exchange of Mounted Specimens From**  
3 **Decedent’s Estate**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the sale, barter, or exchange of a mounted specimen from  
5 a decedent’s estate under certain circumstances; and generally relating to game  
6 birds and game mammals.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 10–404(e)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Natural Resources  
14 Section 10–404(g)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 10-404.

2 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection or §  
3 10-512(a)(2)(ii) of this title, a person may not sell, offer for sale, barter, or exchange, at any  
4 time within the State any game bird or game mammal taken from the wild, in the State or  
5 in another state, territory, or country.

6 (2) The prohibitions of paragraph (1) of this subsection do not apply to the:

7 (i) Meat, pelt, carcass, or mounted specimen of any beaver, coyote,  
8 fisher, fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, or long-tailed weasel  
9 legally taken by the person;

10 (ii) Hide, hair, tail, or feet, excluding a mounted specimen of deer,  
11 squirrel, or rabbit legally acquired;

12 (iii) Feathers, skin, or feet, excluding a mounted specimen of upland  
13 and forest game birds legally acquired;

14 (iv) Except as prohibited by federal law, feathers of wetland game  
15 birds legally acquired; [or]

16 (v) Antlers of deer legally acquired in another state and  
17 manufactured into an article of commerce in another state; **OR**

18 **(VI) LEGALLY ACQUIRED MOUNTED SPECIMEN OF A GAME BIRD,**  
19 **EXCLUDING A MIGRATORY GAME BIRD, OR GAME MAMMAL, IF THE ORIGINAL OWNER**  
20 **IS DECEASED AND THE SPECIMEN IS PART OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF AN**  
21 **OWNER WHOSE ESTATE IS BEING LIQUIDATED OR DISTRIBUTED.**

22 (g) Except as authorized under Subtitle 5 or Subtitle 9 of this title, a person may  
23 not purchase, offer to purchase, barter, or exchange any game bird or game mammal or any  
24 part of a game bird or game mammal if the sale, offer for sale, barter, or exchange is  
25 prohibited by this section.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2024.