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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Taxidermists and Fur Tanners - Sale or Disposal of Specimens**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on the sale or disposal of certain specimens  
4 and certain parts of specimens by a taxidermist or fur tanner licensee; and generally  
5 relating to the sale or disposal of specimens.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Natural Resources  
8 Section 10-512(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 10-512.

15 (a) (1) Any person desiring to commercially practice the art of taxidermy or fur  
16 tanning or who desires to mount, preserve, or tan any species of wildlife for another  
17 person first shall obtain a taxidermist and fur tanner's license.

18 (2) A taxidermist and fur tanner's license also shall permit the holder:

19 (i) To mount, preserve, or tan any species of finfish pursuant to Title  
20 4 of this article; and

21 (ii) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, with the  
22 written approval of the Department for each specimen, to sell or dispose of any tanned,

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1 cured, or mounted specimen legally acquired but unclaimed by the customer within 30  
2 days after written notice to the customer by certified mail.

3 (3) A license holder may not sell or dispose of any tanned, cured, or  
4 mounted specimen that is[:

5 (i) A] A migratory game bird[;

6 (ii) A game bird or mammal that is not permitted to be hunted or  
7 trapped in the State; or

8 (iii) Not the head or whole body of the specimen].

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 1996.