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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Turtle Pots**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from prohibiting  
4 the use of turtle pots in areas where ~~haul seines~~ nets are prohibited; and generally  
5 relating to turtle pots.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Natural Resources  
8 Section 4-738  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1989 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 4-738.

15 (a) The Department shall prescribe by rules and regulations the methods to catch  
16 snapping turtles.

17 (b) A person may not catch or attempt to catch snapping turtles in the tributary  
18 waters of Charles County from April 15 to May 31, inclusive. A person may not use hook  
19 and line and trotline to catch snapping turtles in these waters.

20 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE USE OF TURTLE POTS IN  
21 AREAS WHERE ~~HAUL SEINES~~ NETS ARE PROHIBITED.

HOUSE BILL 1243

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