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**By: Delegate Frush**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wildlife Rehabilitation - Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Wildlife Rehabilitation Fund in the Department of  
4 Natural Resources; establishing purposes and sources for the Fund; requiring the  
5 adoption of certain regulations; and generally relating to wildlife rehabilitation.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Natural Resources  
8 Section 10-902  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - Natural Resources  
13 Section 10-902.1  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Natural Resources**

19 10-902.

20 (a) Any person desiring to possess, import, export, breed, raise, protect,  
21 rehabilitate, hunt, kill, trap, capture, purchase, or sell any wildlife, native to Maryland,  
22 shall first obtain a permit or license from the Department.

23 (b) The Secretary shall establish by regulation:

24 (1) The types and classes of permits and licenses which shall be issued;

25 (2) The species of wildlife exempt from the permit and license requirement;

26 (3) Sanitary housing or any other conditions which are necessary for the  
27 humane, safe, and healthy possession of wildlife;

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1 (4) Conditions under which captive wildlife may be hunted or released to  
2 the wild; and

3 (5) Recordkeeping requirements.

4 (c) The Secretary shall charge a reasonable fee for each permit or license.

5 (D) FEES FOR PERMITS AND LICENSES FOR WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS AND  
6 WILDLIFE REHABILITATION FACILITIES MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO § 10-209 OF THIS  
7 TITLE, BUT SHALL BE PAID INTO THE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION FUND UNDER §  
8 10-902.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

9 10-902.1.

10 (A) THERE IS A WILDLIFE REHABILITATION FUND IN THE DEPARTMENT.

11 (B) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

12 (1) LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES FOR WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS AND  
13 WILDLIFE REHABILITATION FACILITIES UNDER § 10-902 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

14 (2) AVAILABLE MONEYS TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE  
15 WITH THE STATE BUDGET FROM SOURCES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT RELATED TO  
16 WILDLIFE BUT NOT DERIVED FROM HUNTING LICENSES, STAMPS, OR PRIVILEGES;  
17 AND

18 (3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDS SOLICITED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
19 THE PURPOSE OF WILDLIFE REHABILITATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

20 (C) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT  
21 TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

22 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE GRANTS AND LOANS FROM THE FUND  
23 TO QUALIFIED WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS AND FACILITIES FOR REHABILITATION  
24 OF INJURED GAME, NONGAME, THREATENED, AND ENDANGERED WILDLIFE.

25 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR GRANTS AND LOANS  
26 UNDER THIS SECTION BY REGULATION.

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