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**By: Delegate Weir**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Migratory Waterfowl Stamp - Wildlife Advisory Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of decreasing the number of members of the Wildlife Advisory  
4 Committee; altering certain qualifications for members of the Wildlife Advisory  
5 Committee; altering certain responsibilities of the Wildlife Advisory Committee;  
6 and generally relating to the membership and responsibilities of the Wildlife  
7 Advisory Committee.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Natural Resources  
10 Section 10-308.1(f)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 10-308.1.

17 (f) (1) All revenues accruing to the Wildlife Management and Protection Fund  
18 from sales of the migratory wild waterfowl stamps shall be expended solely for the  
19 following purposes:

20 (i) Waterfowl projects included in an approved State program to  
21 create, develop, enhance, maintain, and manage nesting cover, winter foods, and other  
22 habitat components on public lands to satisfy the habitat requirements of a broad range  
23 of wintering waterfowl and native waterfowl species; and

24 (ii) Not more than 30% to adopt and implement a program to  
25 eradicate the species *Myocastor coypu* (nutria) and to control the species *Phragmites*  
26 *communis* (phragmites) on private lands.

27 (2) To encourage waterfowl habitat conservation on private lands, the  
28 Department shall implement a 10-year licensing agreement for approved projects on  
29 privately owned lands detailing the landowner's responsibilities. Expenditures by private

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1 landowners on private land for these waterfowl projects approved by the Department and  
2 covered by the licensing agreement shall be considered a contribution to the State.

3 (3) The Governor shall appoint an [advisory committee] WILDLIFE  
4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE of [13] 9 members [composed of 9 members who have a  
5 practical knowledge in raising wild ducks, and 4 members] who have a practical  
6 knowledge of waterfowl habitat conservation, WATERFOWL ECOLOGY, WATERFOWL  
7 MANAGEMENT, OR WATERFOWL HUNTING.

8 (4) The [committee] COMMITTEE shall advise the Department [of] ON:

9 (i) [The propagation or purchase and distribution of mallard or other  
10 ducks to be released] MATTERS RELATING TO EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS DERIVED  
11 FROM THE SALE OF STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMPS;

12 (ii) [Regulations adopted by the Department to effectuate this  
13 program] RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
14 MATTERS RELATING TO POLICY, REGULATIONS, AND LEGISLATION; and

15 (iii) Waterfowl habitat conservation projects.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 1997.