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**By: Senator Baker**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Statute of Limitations - Fish and Wildlife Violations**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the statute of limitations for violations of certain  
4 provisions of the Natural Resources Article; and generally relating to prosecution  
5 for misdemeanors.

6 BY adding to  
7 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
8 Section 5-106(t)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 5-106.

15 (T) A PROSECUTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THE FISH AND FISHERIES  
16 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE OR THE WILDLIFE  
17 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE SHALL BE  
18 INSTITUTED WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER COMMISSION OF THE OFFENSE.

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