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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1322 (Delegate Owings)

Environmental Matters

Hunting and Trapping - Coyotes - Repeal of Sunset

This bill repeals the September 30, 2000, sunset date relating to the hunting and trapping of coyotes.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Enforcement would continue by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A person may possess any green pelt of any “fur-bearing mammal” until March 25 for purposes of curing the skins. A fur-bearing mammal includes a coyote and any part, offspring, or dead body of a coyote. A person may hunt or trap on the person’s land a coyote that is damaging or destroying the personal or real property of the landowner. A person may trap a coyote during the trapping season established by DNR. A person may hunt a coyote while the person is legally hunting for any other species of game bird or mammal by any method legal for use at the time in hunting that other species. A person may hunt a coyote at any time of year by predator calling. These provisions sunset on September 30, 2000. Chapter 200 of 1998 (SB 712) extended the sunset date from September 30, 1998, to September 30, 2000.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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