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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fox Chasing on Private Property**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from engaging in fox chasing on private
4 property without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or the
5 landowner's agent or lessee; providing that a person fox chasing on private
6 property will be liable for any damage caused to the property by the person or
7 the person's dogs; providing that a person engaging in fox chasing on private
8 property without written permission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
9 subject to certain fines; and generally relating to fox chasing on private
10 property.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Natural Resources
13 Section 10-411(e)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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 10-411.

20 (E) A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN FOX CHASING ON LANDS OWNED BY
21 ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE
22 LANDOWNER OR THE LANDOWNER'S AGENT OR LESSEE. ANY PERSON FOX CHASING
23 ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING PERMISSION WILL BE LIABLE
24 FOR ANY DAMAGE THE PERSON OR THE PERSON'S DOGS CAUSE TO THE PRIVATE
25 PROPERTY, WHETHER OR NOT THE PERSON HAS PHYSICALLY ENTERED THE
26 PROPERTY. IF ANY PERSON ENGAGES IN FOX CHASING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
27 WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING PERMISSION, AND THE PERSON OR THE PERSON'S DOGS
28 CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE PERSON SHALL BE GUILTY OF A
29 MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION OF A FIRST OFFENSE IS SUBJECT TO A FINE

1 NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000. UPON CONVICTION OF A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE,
2 THE PERSON IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2001.