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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County - Steel Jaw Leghold Trap Prohibition**  
3 **Ho. Co. 6-05**

4 FOR the purpose of adding Howard County as a county in which the use, setting,  
5 placement, and maintenance of steel jaw leghold traps on land is prohibited; and  
6 generally relating to steel jaw leghold trap prohibitions.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Natural Resources  
9 Section 10-410(o)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 10-410.

16 (o) (1) In Anne Arundel, Baltimore, HOWARD, Montgomery, and Prince  
17 George's counties, a person may not use, set, place, or maintain any steel jaw leghold  
18 trap on land. The steel jaw leghold trap may be used for the capture of fur-bearing  
19 mammals in water only.

20 (2) This subsection does not apply to:

1 (i) Traps set on farmland by the owner of the farmland, by the  
2 owner's agent or tenant, owner's lessee, or by any member of the owner's or tenant's  
3 immediate family who resides on the farmland; or

4 (ii) Traps set by an authorized agent of the Maryland Forest, Park  
5 and Wildlife Service who exercises the agent's duties for wildlife control under  
6 guidelines established by the Department.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 July 1, 2005.