
By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By
Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources - Collection Certificates**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue a
4 collection certificate for certain animals and animal products for educational
5 purposes; authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain regulations regarding
6 collection certificates; and generally relating to collection certificates.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 4-212
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 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 4-212.

16 (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Secretary may grant
17 certificates to any properly accredited person of known scientific attainment,
18 permitting him to collect fish, fish eggs, crustaceans, or mollusks for scientific
19 purposes OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES only. To obtain a certificate the applicant shall
20 submit proof of necessity and pay a \$25 fee to the Department. The fee shall be
21 deposited to the credit of the State Fisheries Management and Protection Fund. The
22 certificate expires December 31 of the issuing year. On proof that the holder of the
23 certificate has captured or killed any fish, fish eggs, crustaceans, or mollusks for
24 other than scientific OR EDUCATIONAL purposes, the certificate is void.

25 (B) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE,
26 REVOCATION, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF THE CERTIFICATE.

1 (C) Nothing contained within this subtitle shall preempt, restrict or supersede
2 the authority of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene as provided by law.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect July 1, 2006.