

HOUSE BILL 1223

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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2007

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Snapping Turtles – Regulations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt certain
4 regulations to restrict, permit, or prohibit the catching, possessing, purchasing,
5 transporting, or exporting of snapping turtles; and generally relating to the
6 regulation of snapping turtles.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 4–218

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Natural Resources

14 Section 4–738

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **4-218.**

2 **THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO RESTRICT,**
3 **PERMIT, OR PROHIBIT THE CATCHING, POSSESSING, PURCHASING,**
4 **TRANSPORTING, OR EXPORTING OF SNAPPING TURTLES.**

5 4-738.

6 (a) [The Department shall prescribe by rules and regulations the methods to
7 catch snapping turtles.

8 (b)] A person may not catch or attempt to catch snapping turtles in the
9 tributary waters of Charles County from April 15 to May 31, inclusive. A person may
10 not use hook and line and trotline to catch snapping turtles in these waters.

11 [(c)] (B) The Department may not prohibit the use of turtle pots in areas
12 where nets are prohibited.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 July 1, 2007.