

# HOUSE BILL 1223

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

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Natural Resources**

4 **4–218.**

5 **THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO RESTRICT,**  
6 **PERMIT, OR PROHIBIT THE CATCHING, POSSESSING, PURCHASING,**  
7 **TRANSPORTING, OR EXPORTING OF SNAPPING TURTLES.**

8 4–738.

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.