

CHAPTER 269

(House Bill 1223)

AN ACT concerning

Snapping Turtles - Regulations

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

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–218
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–738
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

4–218.

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

4–738.

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.