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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Black Bears – Establishment of Population in Each**
3 **County**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to establish a
5 program to ensure that, by a certain date, a black bear population is introduced
6 into each county in the State; and generally relating to black bears in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 10–2A–06
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Replacement Volume)

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 10–2A–06.

16 (a) The Secretary shall establish programs, including acquisition of land or
17 aquatic habitat or interests in the land or aquatic habitats, necessary for the
18 conservation of nongame, threatened, or endangered species of wildlife or plants. The
19 Secretary shall use all vested authority to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

20 (b) In carrying out programs authorized by this section, the Secretary shall
21 consult with the State Secretary of Agriculture and other states having a common
22 interest in particular species of nongame, endangered, or threatened species of wildlife
23 or plants. The Secretary may enter into agreements with federal agencies, other
24 states, political subdivisions of the State, or with individuals with respect to programs

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 designed to conserve nongame, endangered, or threatened species of wildlife or plants,
2 including agreements for administration and management established under this
3 section or utilized for conservation of nongame, endangered, or threatened species of
4 wildlife or plants.

5 (c) The Governor shall review other programs administered by the Governor
6 and utilize these programs in furtherance of the purposes of this subtitle. All State
7 departments and agencies, in consultation with and with the assistance of the
8 Secretary, shall utilize their authorities in furtherance of the purposes of this subtitle
9 by carrying out programs for the conservation of endangered species and threatened
10 species listed pursuant to § 10-2A-04(f) of this subtitle, and by taking any action
11 necessary to insure that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by them do not
12 jeopardize the continued existence of the endangered species or threatened species or
13 result in the destruction or modification of habitat of the species which is deemed by
14 the Secretary to be critical.

15 (d) **THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT,**
16 **BY OCTOBER 1, 2015, A BLACK BEAR POPULATION IS INTRODUCED INTO EACH**
17 **COUNTY IN THE STATE.**

18 (E) The Secretary shall adopt regulations necessary to implement this
19 section.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2008.