

HOUSE BILL 242

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By: **Cecil County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County – Natural Resources – Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the owner or lessee of privately owned land in Cecil County
4 from placing, setting, maintaining, or operating certain hunting traps within a
5 certain distance of certain permanent human residences; authorizing the
6 Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in the county to hunt any game
7 bird or game mammal, except migratory game birds, wetland game birds, or quail,
8 on a Sunday on certain land during the open season for that game bird or game
9 mammal; establishing for archery hunters in the county a safety zone of a certain
10 size within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain
11 circumstances; repealing the prohibition against a person using, selling, possessing,
12 setting, placing, or maintaining a snare trap in the county; making certain stylistic
13 changes; and generally relating to hunting in Cecil County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Natural Resources
16 Section 10–408.1 and 10–410(a)(8), (g)(3)(i), and (p)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article – Natural Resources
21 Section 10–410(a)(1) and (g)(1)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Natural Resources**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 10-408.1.

2 (a) A person, while trapping or attempting to trap animals, may not place, set,
3 maintain, or operate any snares, body-gripping, or leghold traps within 150 yards of a
4 permanent human residence.

5 (b) This section does not apply to:

6 (1) State and federal wetlands;

7 (2) Private wetlands as designated by the Department;

8 (3) Land which qualifies for agricultural assessments, as provided under §
9 8-209 of the Tax – Property Article, and timberland and lands used for reforestation;

10 (4) Except in [Howard and Harford counties] **CECIL COUNTY, HARFORD**
11 **COUNTY, OR HOWARD COUNTY**, owners and lessees of any privately owned land; and

12 (5) Owners and lessees of any privately owned land in [Howard and
13 Harford counties] **CECIL COUNTY, HARFORD COUNTY, OR HOWARD COUNTY**, as long
14 as a trap described in subsection (a) of this section is not within 150 yards of the permanent
15 residence of another person.

16 (c) This section does not apply to the use of body-gripping traps with a jaw spread
17 of less than 6 inches that are placed, maintained, and operated completely submerged in
18 water.

19 (d) This section does not apply to the use of snap-type traps used to catch rats
20 and mice.

21 10-410.

22 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may not hunt
23 any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

24 (8) (i) This paragraph applies only in Allegany County, **CECIL**
25 **COUNTY**, Garrett County, and Washington County.

26 (ii) The Department may allow a person to hunt any game bird or
27 game mammal, except migratory game birds [and wetland game birds], **WETLAND GAME**
28 **BIRDS, OR, IN CECIL COUNTY, QUAIL**, on a Sunday during the open season for that game
29 bird or game mammal on:

30 1. Private property, subject to § 10-411 of this subtitle; and

