

HOUSE BILL 863

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Organized ~~Hunting~~ Killing Contests – Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in
4 certain organized contests that have the objective of ~~hunting or~~ killing certain
5 wildlife for prizes or monetary awards; ~~providing for the treatment or humane~~
6 ~~euthanasia of certain wildlife injured and the disposal of certain wildlife killed~~
7 ~~during the course of an organized contest conducted in violation of this Act;~~ providing
8 for the construction of this Act; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this
9 Act; and generally relating to restrictions on organized ~~hunting~~ killing contests.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Natural Resources

12 Section 10–427

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 **10–427.**

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 (A) ~~(1)~~ ~~SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION~~ SUBSECTION
2 (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT SPONSOR, CONDUCT, OR PARTICIPATE IN
3 ~~AN ORGANIZED A CONTEST ORGANIZED IN MARYLAND THAT HAS THE OBJECTIVE OF~~
4 ~~HUNTING OR KILLING A FUR-BEARING MAMMAL OR AN UNPROTECTED MAMMAL~~
5 COYOTE, FOX, OR RACCOON FOR PRIZES OR MONETARY REWARDS.

6 ~~(2)~~ (B) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT ~~A~~:

7 (1) A LANDOWNER OR THE LANDOWNER'S AGENT OR LESSEE FROM
8 ~~HUNTING OR KILLING FUR-BEARING MAMMALS OR UNPROTECTED MAMMALS~~
9 COYOTES, FOXES, OR RACCOONS ON PROPERTY OF THE LANDOWNER OR THE
10 ~~LANDOWNER'S AGENT OR LESSEE~~, PROVIDED THAT THE ~~HUNTING OR~~ KILLING IS
11 NOT PART OF AN ORGANIZED CONTEST; OR

12 (2) LAWFUL DOG TRAINING OR DOG PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS.

13 ~~(B)~~ ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSPORT ANY WILDLIFE INJURED DURING~~
14 ~~THE COURSE OF AN ORGANIZED CONTEST CONDUCTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS~~
15 ~~SECTION TO A LICENSED WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR OR VETERINARIAN FOR:~~

16 ~~(1)~~ ~~TREATMENT; OR~~

17 ~~(2)~~ ~~IF THE BEST EFFORTS TO REHABILITATE AND RELEASE THE~~
18 ~~WILDLIFE FAIL, HUMANE EUTHANASIA.~~

19 ~~(C)~~ ~~THE REMAINS OF ANY WILDLIFE KILLED DURING THE COURSE OF AN~~
20 ~~ORGANIZED CONTEST CONDUCTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BECOME~~
21 ~~THE PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR DISPOSITION AT THE DISCRETION OF~~
22 ~~THE DEPARTMENT.~~

23 (C) A PERSON IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$25 FOR EACH COYOTE, FOX, OR
24 RACCOON KILLED IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2020.