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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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House Bill 955

(Delegate Hornberger, *et al.*)

Environment and Transportation

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Snare Traps – Prohibition Against Sale or Possession – Alterations

This bill (1) repeals the prohibition against possession of a snare trap in certain counties and (2) removes Cecil County from the current county-specific prohibition against the use, sale, possession, setting, placement, or maintenance of a snare trap. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties, a person may not use, sell, possess, set, place, or maintain a snare trap. A snare trap is a device made of wire, synthetic cord, or other material in the form of a noose designed or set to capture an animal by the neck and includes a pole snare, a hanging snare, and a neck snare.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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