

HOUSE BILL 293

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HB 863/20 – ENT

(PRE-FILED)

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CF SB 200

By: **Delegate Stein**

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Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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House action: Adopted

Read second time: February 11, 2021

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Organized Killing Contests – Restriction**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in
4 certain organized contests that have the objective of killing certain wildlife for prizes
5 or monetary awards; providing for the construction of this Act; establishing a certain
6 penalty for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to restrictions on organized
7 killing contests.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Natural Resources

10 Section 10–427

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 **10–427.**

17 **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT**
18 **SPONSOR, CONDUCT, OR PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST ORGANIZED IN THE STATE**
19 **THAT HAS THE OBJECTIVE OF KILLING A COYOTE, FOX, OR RACCOON FOR PRIZES OR**

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 MONETARY REWARDS.

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

3 (1) A LANDOWNER OR THE LANDOWNER’S AGENT OR LESSEE FROM
4 KILLING COYOTES, FOXES, OR RACCOONS ON PROPERTY OF THE LANDOWNER,
5 PROVIDED THAT THE KILLING IS NOT PART OF AN ORGANIZED CONTEST; OR

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

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

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.