

HOUSE BILL 579

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HB 955/20 – ENT

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By: **Delegate Hornberger**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 8, 2021

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County – Snare Traps – ~~Prohibition Against Sale or Possession~~**
3 **Alterations Repeal of Prohibitions**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~repealing a prohibition against possessing a snare trap in certain~~
5 ~~counties~~; repealing a prohibition against using, selling, possessing, setting, placing,
6 or maintaining a snare trap in Cecil County; repealing an obsolete provision of law;
7 and generally relating to snare traps.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–410(p)
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 10–410.

17 (p) (1) (i) “Snare trap” means a device made of wire, synthetic cord, or
18 other material that:

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.



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2 eyelet holes; and

1. Is in the form of a noose with a slipknot, stop, swivel, or

3
4 by the neck.

2. Is designed or set with the intent of capturing an animal

5 (ii) "Snare trap" includes:

6 1. A pole snare;

7 2. A hanging snare; and

8 3. A neck snare.

9 (2) [(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, in] IN
10 Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, [Cecil,] Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George's
11 counties, a person may not use, sell, ~~possess,~~ set, place, or maintain a snare trap.

12 [(ii) In Anne Arundel County, from July 1, 1990 through June 30,
13 1992, a person may sell or possess a snare trap.]

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.