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Dorchester County Delegation

HB1119 Dorchester County- Hunting- Fur Bearing Mammals

Environment and Transportation Committee

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Why We Need This Bill

Dorchester County has a disproportionately large population of foxes and coyotes. The population needs to be managed. They have become a nuisance to the citizens of the County. Foxes and coyotes raid waste bins, dig up plants and gardens, make dens in dwellings and prey on small livestock such as ducks, chickens and more. Many residents believe that either a fox or coyote is responsible for the loss of small animals such as kittens and small dogs on their property.

In addition, foxes and coyotes are territorial. They threaten native wildlife as well as livestock. They pose a risk to humans and pets through transmission of diseases such as distemper, parva virus, and mange.

What Does This Bill Do

HB1119 matches the hunting of **Foxes** to Charles County. By adding Dorchester County, the bill allows residents of Dorchester County to legally hunt a fox or coyote that is infringing on their property.

The Dorchester County Delegation respectfully ask the Committee for a FAVORABLE vote on HB1119 with Amendment.