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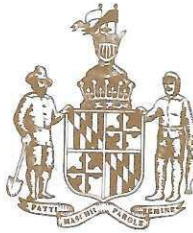
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## HB894-Endangered and Threatened Species-Incidental Taking -Bats

Chairman, Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and members of the  
Environment and Transportation committee:

Today I am here to present HB894 which is legislation for the  
purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue  
an incidental taking permit for certain species of bats if an applicant  
submits a conservation plan.

Currently Maryland's law authorizes conservation plans and  
incidental take permits for only two species, Delmarva Fox Squirrels  
and Tiger Beetles. This legislation is straight forward. It adds  
Northern Long-eared Bat (NLEB), Tricolor Bat (TCB) and the Indiana  
Bat as other species for which HCP's can be developed and an  
incidental take permit. Without such a plan and permit, "taking" one  
of these three bat species would be prohibited and unlawful.

I ask for a favorable vote on HB894