

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-405(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-423
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

10-101.

(e) "Forest game birds and mammals" means forest game birds (ruffed grouse and turkey) and forest game mammals (black bears, deer, fox squirrels, excluding the Delmarva subspecies, and gray and red squirrels) or any part, egg, offspring, or dead body of any of them.

10-205.

(a) Having a due regard for the distribution, abundance, economic value, and breeding habits of wildlife, the Secretary may adopt rules and regulations to enlarge, extend, restrict, or prohibit hunting, possessing, selling, purchasing, shipping, carrying, transporting, or exporting wildlife.

(c) In case of fire hazard or other emergency, the Secretary may adopt any rule or regulation pursuant to subsection (a). The rule or regulation becomes effective immediately upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation in every county affected by the rule or regulation.

10-405.

(a) Pursuant to § 10-205[,] of this title, the Department shall establish by rule or regulation and publish by July 1 each year the open season, excepting Sundays, to hunt the forest and upland game birds and mammals.

(b) If the Department by rule or regulation pursuant to § 10-205 of this title restricts or reduces the number of days normally allowed to hunt, possess, sell, purchase, ship, transport, carry, or export any game bird or mammal because of an