

emergency situation, the Department may extend the open season to provide a comparable number of days in any given season.

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(A) ANY PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO KILLS OR WOUNDS A BLACK BEAR IN DEFENSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN LIFE, THE LIVES OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS, OR THE LIVES OF ANIMALS ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S PROPERTY.

(B) IF THE SECRETARY ADOPTS ANY REGULATION, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY REGULATION, UNDER § 10-205 OR § 10-405 OF THIS TITLE TO PROHIBIT THE HUNTING, POSSESSING, SELLING, PURCHASING, SHIPPING, CARRYING, TRANSPORTING, OR EXPORTING OF BLACK BEARS, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE REGULATION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 \$1,500, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS, OR BOTH AND SUSPENSION OF THE PERSON'S HUNTING LICENSE AND RIGHT TO HUNT ANY BIRD OR GAME ANIMAL FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS; AND

(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 \$2,000, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR, OR BOTH AND SUSPENSION OF THE PERSON'S HUNTING LICENSE AND RIGHT TO HUNT ANY BIRD OR GAME ANIMAL FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT EXCEEDING 4 YEARS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.

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#### CHAPTER 688

(Senate Bill 789)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Public Ethics Law - Receipt of Expenses -  
Disclosure

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of the Maryland Public Ethics Law that permits officials or employees to accept certain reasonable expenses associated with participation in a panel or speaking engagement at a meeting; requiring--certain--officials--or--employees--to disclose--to--the--State--Ethics--Commission--the receipt of expenses--that--exceed--a--certain--amount;--requiring--legislators to--disclose--to--the--Joint--Committee--on--Legislative--Ethics certain--details--of--certain--expenses--that--exceed--a--certain