

CHAPTER 689

(House Bill 946)

AN ACT concerning

Game Birds and Game Mammals – Possession

FOR the purpose of allowing the possession of certain specimens of certain legally taken game birds or game mammals for personal use; eliminating the requirement for a permit to possess certain game birds and game mammals for food; allowing possession of certain parts of certain game birds and game mammals for personal use; allowing possession and sale of certain articles of commerce manufactured from deer antlers for certain uses under certain circumstances; eliminating the requirement for an importer of certain game birds or game mammals to accompany them into the State; eliminating certain restrictions on the sale of certain game birds, game mammals, and any parts of game birds or game mammals by certain persons under certain circumstances; making certain provisions of this Act contingent; and generally relating to possession of game birds and game mammals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10-404, 10-506(f), and 10-512(a)(3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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Section 10-404(c)

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(As enacted by Chapter 572, Section 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10-404.

(a) (1) A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt any game bird or mammal except during open [season, or] SEASON.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION OR AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBTITLE 5 OR SUBTITLE 9 OF THIS TITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT possess any game bird or mammal during any closed season whether hunted in the State or in another state, territory, or country. [However, a]

(3) A person may possess: