

CHAPTER 124.

(House Bill 42)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 2 of Article 99 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-title "Definitions", modifying the definitions of "game animals" and "fur bearing animals", and "unprotected birds".

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 2 of Article 99 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-title "Definitions", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2. Whenever used in this Article, unless a contrary intention is evident from the context, the word "person" shall include individuals, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations; the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine, the feminine and neuter.

The term "game birds" shall include: (a) the anatidae, commonly known as swan, geese, brant, river and sea ducks; (b) the pygopodes, commonly known as loons and breges (the members of these two orders being commonly known as wild waterfowl); (c) the rallidae, commonly known as rails or sora, coots, mudhens, and gallinules; (d) the limicolae, commonly known as shore birds, plover, surf birds, snipe, woodcock, sandpipers, tattlers, and curlew; (e) the gallinae, commonly known as wild turkey, ruffed grouse, pheasants, doves, partridges and quail; and (f) the birds commonly known as reedbirds and blackbirds.

The term "game animals" shall include: (a) the deer; (b) the bear; (c) the wild rabbit and hare; (d) the red, gray, black, and fox squirrel; (e) the raccoon; and (f) the opossum.

The term "game" shall include "game animals" and "game birds", which are protected by law.

The term "fur bearing animals" shall include: (a) the mink; (b) the muskrat; (c) the otter; (d) the beaver.

The term "vermin" shall include all wild animals not classed as game animals or fur-bearing animals, and all wild birds other than game birds and protected birds.

The term "unprotected birds" shall include: (a) the blue-jay; (b) the English sparrow; (c) the European starling; (d) the king-fisher; (e) the buzzard; (f) the crow; (g) all species of hawks and owls.