

**Anne Arundel County – Hunting Restrictions – Steel Jaw Leghold Trap and Snare Trap**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use, setting, placement, or maintenance of any steel jaw leghold trap in Anne Arundel County, except under certain circumstances; and prohibiting the use, sale, possession, setting, placement, or maintenance of a snare trap in Anne Arundel County, with a certain exception that authorizes the sale or possession of a snare trap in Anne Arundel County for a certain period of time.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10-410(o) and (p)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

10-410.

(o) (1) In ANNE ARUNDEL, Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties, a person may not use, set, place, or maintain any steel jaw leghold trap on land. The steel jaw leghold trap may be used for the capture of fur-bearing mammals in water only.

(2) This subsection does not apply to:

(i) Traps set on farmland by the owner of the farmland, by his agent or tenant, his lessee, or by any member of his immediate family who resides on the farmland; or

(ii) Traps set by an authorized agent of the Maryland Forest, Park and Wildlife Service who exercises his duties for wildlife control under guidelines established by the Department.

(p) (1) (i) "Snare trap" means a device made of wire, synthetic cord, or other material that:

1. Is in the form of a noose with a slipknot, stop, swivel, or eyelet holes; and

2. Is designed or set with the intent of capturing an animal by the neck.

(ii) "Snare trap" includes:

1. A pole snare;

2. Hanging snare; and

3. Neck snare.