

## CHAPTER 41

(Senate Bill 89)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 311 (b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-heading "Black Bass and Pike", changing the time for the taking of black bass in the tidal waters of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 311 (b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-heading "Black Bass and Pike", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

311.

(b) It shall be unlawful to catch black bass in any manner in the tidal waters of the State of Maryland except that during the months of *June*, July, August, September, October and November black bass may be caught with rod, hook and line using natural or artificial baits. Whenever any black bass are caught in nets, seines or other devices legally engaged in other fishing those fishing such nets shall immediately return such fish to the waters uninjured, except it shall be lawful for anyone fishing said nets to retain not to exceed one day's legal creel limit of ten (10) black bass for his own private use during said open season. It shall also be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell or offer to sell, purchase or offer to purchase at any time or to have in possession any black bass whether said fish be caught in tidal or non-tidal waters within the State of Maryland, or the waters of any other State and brought into this State; provided, however, that anglers catching said fish during the months of *June*, July, August, September, October, and November, as hereinbefore provided, shall be entitled to the possession of said fish so caught, and further provided that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the shipment in interstate commerce of live bass for propagating, breeding or stocking pur-

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.