

(1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Water Fowl and Migratory Birds", relating to the use of sneak boats in Allegany County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 150 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Water Fowl and Migratory Birds", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

150. (a) During the open season, wild water fowl may be taken only with a shot gun which is not larger than ten gauge, which is loaded only with shot and which is fired from the shoulder. Such wild water fowl may be taken on land or on water and the aid of a dog or dogs or of decoys may be employed. It shall be unlawful to hunt, pursue, or kill any wild water fowl of any species with or by means of any automatic loading or hand-operated repeating shot-gun capable of holding more than three shells, the magazine of which has not been cut off or plugged with a [one-piece] *one-piece* metal or wooden filler incapable of removal through the loading end thereof so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than three shells at any one time in the magazine and chamber combined, unless Federal regulations provide otherwise. It shall be unlawful to have a rifle in possession while hunting wild waterfowl. It shall be unlawful to use more than ten live decoys on any one property at any one time. No water fowl, except crippled birds not otherwise retrievable, shall be shot while resting on water or land. It shall be unlawful to use any airplane, sink box or sink boat, or floating device towed by a power boat or a sail boat for the purpose of hunting wild water fowl therefrom; provided, however, it shall be lawful to use sneak boat or bushwack rig on the Susquehanna Flats and on the waters of the Elk and Sassafras Rivers in Cecil County and on the waters of the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers in *Allegany and Frederick* [County] *Counties* and on the waters of the Potomac River in Montgomery and Washington Counties. It shall be unlawful to use any decoy, sneak boat or bushwack rig (or any part thereof) within 500 yards of any stake blind or shore blind in Harford and Cecil Counties. Any gun which cannot be habitually raised and fired from the shoulder and any gun larger than number ten gauge or rifle of any description found in the vicinity of the areas of wild water fowl shall be confiscated by any officer of this State and delivered to the Director.