

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed or applied to affect or change the law as to any injury or release thereof or any court proceedings thereunder which occurred prior to the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 18, 1955.

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CHAPTER 481

(House Bill 269)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-sections (a) and (g) of Section 131 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-heading "Upland and Migratory Game Birds and Game Animals", relating to the hunting seasons for numerous animals, the extension thereof by the Game and Inland Fish Commission, shooting game from a paved highway, and correcting an error in said section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sub-sections (a) and (g) of Section 131 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-heading "Upland and Migratory Game Birds and Game Animals", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

131.

(a) Open Seasons—The open season for game birds and game animals shall be set by regulation of the Game and Inland Fish Commission under authority conferred upon it by [Section 5 of Article 99] *Section 115 of Article 66C* within the prescribed dates listed below. The Game and Inland Fish Commission shall adopt and publish seasons on game birds and game animals annually on or before April 25 of each year [.] , *provided, however, that whenever the Game and Inland Fish Commission, in the exercising of its powers and authority, restricts or reduces the number of days normally allowed for the hunting, taking, capturing, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage or export of any wild bird or wild animal because of an emergency situation, or condition, said Game and Inland Fish Commission shall have the authority to extend the period aforementioned beyond the days specified below so as to provide a comparable number of days in any given season for the hunting, taking, capturing, killing, possession,*

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.