

## CHAPTER 497

(House Bill 541)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 273, 274 and 277 of Title 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1948 Edition), title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Protection of Wild Life and Birds", sub-heading "Foxes", relating to type of fox as set forth in said sections.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 273, 274 and 277 of Title 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1948 Edition), title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Protection of Wild Life and Birds", sub-heading "Foxes", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

273. Any person or persons who shall shoot at, ~~trap or poison,~~ ~~for] shoot~~ SHOOT, TRAP OR POISON ANY *red* fox [that is being pursued by a dog or dogs,] or shall dig out or in any manner take from any den a female *red* fox or her young whelps or kill or in any manner cause the death of such female *red* fox or her young whelps during the period she is suckling them, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace shall be fined not less than Twenty-five Dollars nor more than Fifty Dollars for each offense, one-half of such fine or fines to be paid to the informer and the other half to the Board of County School Commissioners for the use of the public school of said County. Nothing in this Act to be construed to prevent the killing of said foxes at any time by any person while they are in pursuit of his or her poultry; provided, however, that the killing of said foxes be done within a reasonable time after such pursuit of the killing of such poultry.

274. In order to encourage the sport of fox hunting and to prevent the indiscriminate and unnecessary destruction of *red* foxes, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to shoot at or shoot a *red* fox that is being pursued by a dog or dogs.

277. It shall be unlawful to trap, sell, buy or expose for sale any *red* fox or *red fox* hide in Baltimore County, and it shall be unlawful to transport any *red* fox or *red fox* hide from any place in Baltimore County to any place without Baltimore County, and possession of any *red* fox or *red fox* hide shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section, but nothing in this Act shall be construed as to prevent the killing of *red* foxes at any time by any person while they are in pursuit or in the act of killing or carrying away his, her or their poultry.

[The provisions of this sub-title shall not apply to Election Districts 1, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Baltimore County but it shall be

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.