

## CHAPTER 55

(House Bill 123)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 112 and 151 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1959 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-headings "Title and Definitions", and "Waterfowl and Migratory Birds", to define what constitutes a duck blind and to change certain methods of hunting wild waterfowl in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 112 and 151 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1959 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-headings "Title and Definitions", and "Waterfowl and Migratory Birds", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## 112. Definitions,

(a) Whenever used in this subtitle, unless a contrary intention is evident from the context, the word "person" shall include individuals, copartnerships, associations, and corporations; the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine, the feminine and neuter.

(b) The term "game birds" shall include: (a) The anatidae, commonly known as swan, geese, brant, river and sea ducks; (b) the pygopodes, commonly known as loons and grebes (the members of these two orders being commonly known as wild waterfowl); (c) the rallidae, commonly known as rails or sora, coots, mudhens, and gallinules; (d) the limicolae, commonly known as shore birds, plover, surf birds, snipe, woodcock, sandpipers, tattlers, and curlew; (e) the gallinae, commonly known as wild turkey, ruffed grouse, pheasants, doves, partridges and quail; (f) the birds commonly known as reedbirds and blackbirds.

(c) The term "game animals" shall include: (a) The deer; (b) the bear; (c) the wild rabbit and hare; (d) the red, gray, black, and fox squirrel; (e) the raccoon; and (f) the opossum.

(d) The term "game" shall include "game animals" and "game birds", which are protected by law.

(e) The term "fur-bearing animal" shall include: (a) The mink; (b) the muskrat; (c) the otter; (d) the beaver.

(f) The term "vermin" shall include all wild animals not classed as game animals or fur-bearing animals, and all wild birds other than game birds and protected birds.

(g) The term "unprotected birds" shall include: (a) The English sparrow; (b) the European starling; (c) the buzzard; (d) the crow.

(h) The term "protected birds" shall include all wild birds not included within the terms "game birds" and "unprotected birds".

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.