

The term "green pelt" shall mean a pelt which is not dried or cured or tanned.

The word "furs" or "pelts" shall mean and include the raw, green and cured skins, hides, furs or pelts from all wild quadrupeds.

The term "open season" shall mean the time, with the exception of Sunday, during which game and fur-bearing animals may be legally taken or killed and shall include both the first and last day of the season or period designated by this sub-title.

The term "closed season" shall mean the time during which game or fur-bearing animals may not be legally taken or killed and includes all periods of time not included within the open season.

The term "hunt" shall mean to include: Hunt, pursue, catch, kill, trap, shoot, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, kill, trap, or shoot.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That new Section 132 (n) be and is hereby added to said Article and sub-title, to follow immediately after Section 132 (m) thereof and to read as follows:

132.

(n) Except for the English or European house sparrow, European starling, buzzard, and crow, and except as provided in Section 141 of this Article, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, shoot, kill, trap, net, or destroy, or to possess in any manner within the limits of this State, any wild bird or any part, nest, or egg thereof. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to make it unlawful for the owner of land or his agent to shoot hawks or owls when said landowner or his agent considers it necessary to kill these species to protect from destruction his poultry or game on his property or whenever any county considers it necessary to permit the killing of these species. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit the control of animals or birds which have become obnoxious in nature or habit or that are doing damage to wild life, by the Department of Game and Inland Fish or its employees, on any lands within this State.

Any person who violates any provision of this sub-section shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than seventy dollars and costs of prosecution.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 8, 1959.

CHAPTER 441

(Senate Bill 480)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 178(a) and (b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957

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.