

Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-heading "Raccoon, Opossum and Skunks", to change the season for taking, and disturbing from the tree or den, and the manner of taking raccoon and opossum ~~in Kent County~~.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 178(a) and (b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-heading "Raccoon, Opossum and Skunks", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a). No person may hunt any raccoon or opossum except after sunset and before sunrise of any day between ~~October 1~~ SEPTEMBER 15 and the next succeeding January 31, inclusive. ~~Except in Kent County raccoon and opossum may be hunted at any time between July 1 and the next succeeding March 31, inclusive.~~ No person shall hunt any raccoon or opossum between sunrise and midnight Sunday. No person shall cut a tree for the purpose of catching, killing, or dislodging a raccoon or opossum without the consent of the owner of such tree. No person may at any time set or otherwise use any steel trap or other similar device to catch any raccoon or opossum; ~~except in Kent County, raccoon and opossum may be taken by means of steel traps or other similar devices.~~ EXCEPT THAT THE LANDOWNER OR HIS AGENT MAY AT ANY TIME SET OR OTHERWISE USE STEEL TRAPS OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES TO CATCH RACCOONS OR OPOSSUMS WHICH ARE DAMAGING PROPERTY.

(b). No person shall between February 1 and September 30, inclusive, shake or throw out of any tree or den any raccoon or opossum. ~~Except in Kent County, no person shall shake or throw out of any tree or den any raccoon or opossum between April 1 and June 30, inclusive.~~ Every person hunting raccoon or opossum must have a hunter's license for the current year in possession and tag displayed on outer garment.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 8, 1959.

CHAPTER 442

(Senate Bill 541)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 156(a) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition),

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.