

year and February 15, of the year following, inclusive, and in such counties any person may have green mink and muskrat skins in his possession until ~~March 10~~ *February 25* for purposes of curing such skins.

(c) No person may shoot at, or gig, or kill, or catch any muskrat, *beaver* or otter in any manner except by trapping, and no person shall dig into or in any manner molest or destroy any part of a muskrat, *beaver* or otter den or houses. No person may possess at any time the hide or skin of any muskrat, *beaver* or otter which has been caught in any way except by trapping, and any muskrat, *beaver* or otter hide or skin which has been punctured by a hole which appears to be a shot or bullet hole shall be prima facie evidence that the muskrat, *beaver* or otter was illegally killed.

No person shall possess at any time a light for the purpose of hunting muskrats, *beaver* or otter at nighttime. Possession of such a light shall be prima facie evidence that it was intended for such purpose.

A landowner or his lessee shall have the exclusive right to trap for muskrats down to the mean low watermark on marsh land adjacent to his land. No person shall enter upon or place traps upon any such land without first obtaining the written consent of the landowner or his lessee ~~It shall be lawful~~. IT SHALL BE LAWFUL ~~for~~ landowners of the counties, their spouses, parents, children, the spouses or children of children, or tenants, residing on such lands, to trap beaver under the supervision, regulation and control of the Game and Inland Fish Commission.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 17, 1963.

CHAPTER 394

(House Bill 413)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 132 (j) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish," subheading "Upland and Migratory Game Birds and Game Animals," providing for the legal selling or buying of opossum and raccoon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 132(j) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish," subheading "Upland and Migratory Game Birds and Game Animals," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

132.

(j) It shall be unlawful for any person, except when such person holds a valid game breeder's license for fiscal year, to sell, offer for