

CHAPTER 252

(House Bill 548)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 132 (a) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish," subheading "Upland and Migratory Game Birds and Game Animals," relating to the length of the seasons of squirrel, turkey, ring-necked pheasant, ruffed grouse, rabbit or hare, etc., in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 132 (a) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 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"Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish," subheading "Upland and Migratory Game Birds and Game Animals," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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. Hunting regulations.

(a) Open seasons. The open season for game birds and game animals shall be set by regulations of the Game and Inland Fish Commission under authority conferred upon it by Sec. 115 of this article within the prescribed dates listed below. The Game and Inland Fish Commission shall adopt and publish seasons on game birds and game animals annually on or before April 25 of each year, and antlerless deer seasons, if any, before November 1 of each year, provided, however, that whenever the Game and Inland Fish Commission, in the exercising of its powers and authority, restricts or reduces the number of days normally allowed for the hunting, taking, capturing, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage or export of any wild bird or wild animal because of an emergency situation or condition, said Game and Inland Fish Commission shall have the authority to extend the period aforementioned beyond the days specified below so as to provide a comparable number of days in any given season for the hunting, taking, capturing, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage or export of any wild bird or wild animal. The seasons for wild ducks, geese, brant, railbirds, woodcock, doves and jacksnipe shall be set annually and published each year in order that they may, in the discretion of the Commission, conform to the federal migratory bird regulations adopted annually by the Secretary of the Interior.

Kind of Game	Open Season
Squirrel and wild turkey	October 5 to [November 30] <i>January 5</i> , inclusive. Provided further, that a land-owner residing on his farmlands, or a tenant of said farmlands, may kill any squirrel if said squirrel is destroying corn on said farmlands between August 15 and October 1, inclusive. And in Baltimore City, where squirrels are damaging personal property the