

"Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins," and to enact new Section 336 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the Sections repealed, to provide for issuance of a license to take terrapin in certain instances and for the adoption of regulations for the taking of terrapin.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 336, 337, 338 and 340 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins," be and they are hereby repealed and that new Section 336 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the Sections repealed, all to read as follows:

336. Closed season.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch or have in possession in this State any salt water terrapin, diamond back terrapin or skilpots and sliders, between the first day of April and the thirty-first day of October in any year, both dates inclusive.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession in this State any terrapin mentioned in this section during any closed season, taken or caught within the State of Maryland or in any other state, territory or country.

It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase and place in pen or pens, or take from said pen or pens, any terrapin to be offered for sale, barter or exchange during any closed season. Provided, however, terrapin alive may be held in pens built in the water used by dealers or persons for propagation purposes during the closed season.

337. Size.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch or have in possession any terrapin mentioned in this subheading less than five inches in length, measurement to be made on the bottom shell.

338. Eggs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with or in any manner take or destroy any terrapin eggs or have same in possession at any time, provided, however, the possession of said eggs shall not apply to persons owning pens built in the water, which are used for propagation purposes during the closed season.

340. Traps, snares, etc.

Any terrapin mentioned in this subheading found in possession of any person or any trap, snare, net or devices of any description, which are being used for entrapping, except as herein provided, between the first day of April and the thirty-first day of October, both dates inclusive, shall be conclusive evidence of a violation of this subheading, and shall be confiscated by the Director of the Game and Inland Fish Commission, any deputy game warden, constable or police officer or any employee receiving compensation from the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, and disposed of by the Director of the Game and Inland Fish Commission as he may deem advisable for the best interest of the State.]