

(6) THE SECRETARY IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION.

(D) *ENFORCEMENT.*

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E), ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (C) (1), OR ANY REGULATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT THERETO, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.

(2) ANY OFFICER EMPLOYED AND AUTHORIZED BY THE SECRETARY, OR ANY POLICE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR ANY POLICE OFFICER OF ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A WARRANT TO SEARCH FOR AND SEIZE ANY GOODS, BUSINESS RECORDS, MERCHANDISE OR FISH AND WILDLIFE TAKEN, EMPLOYED, USED, OR POSSESSED IN CONNECTION WITH A VIOLATION OF ANY SUBSECTION OF THIS ACT. ANY SUCH OFFICER OR AGENT MAY, WITHOUT A WARRANT, ARREST ANY PERSON WHO SUCH EMPLOYEE HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE IS VIOLATING, IN HIS PRESENCE OR VIEW, ANY SUCH SUBSECTION, OR ANY REGULATION OR PERMIT PROVIDED FOR BY THIS ACT. AN OFFICER OR AGENT WHO HAS MADE AN ARREST OF A PERSON IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SUCH VIOLATION MAY SEARCH SUCH PERSON OR BUSINESS RECORDS AT THE TIME OF ARREST AND SEIZE ANY FISH AND WILDLIFE, RECORDS, OR PROPERTY TAKEN, USED OR EMPLOYED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SUCH VIOLATION.

(3) GOODS, MERCHANDISE, FISH AND WILDLIFE OR RECORDS SEIZED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (D) (2) SHALL BE HELD BY AN OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PENDING DISPOSITION OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, AND THEREAFTER BE FORFEITED TO THE STATE FOR DESTRUCTION OR DISPOSITION AS THE SECRETARY MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE; *PROVIDED THAT*, PRIOR TO FORFEITURE, THE SECRETARY MAY DIRECT THE TRANSFER OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SO SEIZED TO A QUALIFIED ZOOLOGICAL, EDUCATIONAL OR SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION FOR SAFEKEEPING, COSTS ASSESSABLE TO THE DEFENDANT. THE SECRETARY IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PARAGRAPH.

(E) *PERMITS.* THE SECRETARY MAY PERMIT, UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS HE MAY PRESCRIBE BY REGULATION, THE TAKING, EXPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION OR POSSESSION OF ANY FISH AND WILDLIFE WHICH IS THREATENED WITH STATE-WIDE EXTINCTION, FOR ZOOLOGICAL, EDUCATIONAL OR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES AND FOR PROPAGATION OF SUCH FISH AND WILDLIFE IN CAPTIVITY FOR PRESERVATION PURPOSES, UNLESS SUCH EXPORTATION, POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, OR TAKING IS PROHIBITED OR PERMITTED BY ANY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, OR ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.