

programs to further the purposes of this section. The Governor also shall encourage other State and federal agencies to utilize their authorities to further the purposes of this section.

(i) In carrying out the programs authorized by this section, the Secretary shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible with the federal government, with other states, and with counties within the State, and he may enter into agreements with the counties to administer and manage any established area under this program to conserve the State's endangered wildlife species.

(j) The Secretary is authorized to issue rules and regulations to implement this section.

(k) The provisions of this section do not apply retroactively or prohibit entry into the State of wildlife lawfully imported into the United States, or hunted or removed from another State. In addition, this section does not permit hunting and removing wildlife on the endangered species list from another state into the State.

(1) (1) Except as provided in subsection (f), any person who violates the provisions of this section, or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to it is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

(2) Any officer employed and authorized by the Secretary, or any State, county, or municipal law enforcement officer within the State may execute a warrant to search for and seize any goods, business records, merchandise, wildlife hunted, employed, used, or possessed in connection with a violation of this section. The officer or agent may arrest any person without a warrant if he has probable cause to believe the person is committing in his presence or view a violation of this section or a regulation issued pursuant to it. The officer or agent who has made an arrest of a person in connection with any violation may search the person or premises at the time of arrest and seize any wildlife, records, or property taken, used or employed in connection with the violation.

(3) An officer or agent of the Department shall hold any goods, merchandise, wildlife, or records which have been seized and dispose of them pursuant to §§ 10-1005 and 10-1006 of this title. However, the Secretary may direct the transfer of wildlife seized to a qualified zoological, educational, or scientific institution for safekeeping, or other appropriate disposition with costs, upon conviction, assessable to