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CHAPTER 795

(House Bill 1018)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert, Montgomery County County and Prince Georges,
Prince Georges, Howard, Wicomico, and
Worcester Counties Limiting Trapping
 MC 103-77

FOR the purpose of limiting the use of certain traps in Calvert, Montgomery County County and Prince Georges, Prince Georges, Howard, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties, with certain exceptions, and ~~providing penalties for violation of this section.~~

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
 Section 10-410(o)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 10-410(c) be and it is hereby added to Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

10-410.

(0) (1) IN CALVERT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGES, PRINCE GEORGES, HOWARD, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES, A PERSON MAY NOT USE, SET, PLACE OR MAINTAIN ANY STEEL JAW LEGHOLD TRAP ON LAND. THE STEEL JAW LEGHOLD TRAP MAY BE USED FOR THE CAPTURE OF FUR-BEARING MAMMALS IN WATER ONLY ~~IF SET IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE MAMMAL CANNOT RESURFACE AFTER BEING CAUGHT IN THE TRAP.~~

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(I) TRAPS SET ON FARMLAND BY THE OWNER OF THE FARMLAND, BY HIS AGENT OR TENANT, HIS LESSEE, OR BY ANY MEMBER OF HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY WHO RESIDES ON THE FARMLAND.

(II) TRAPS SET BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENT