

concerning foxes in Dorchester County; providing that a person may hunt or trap on his land a fox or skunk that is damaging or destroying the personal or real property of the landowner; and redefining "hunt" to exclude the sport of fox chasing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 10-101(g) ~~(j)~~ and (t)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 10-406(b) (5) and (6)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

10-101.

(g) "Fur-bearing mammal" means any raccoon, opossum, beaver, mink, muskrat, [and] otter, FOX, SKUNK, FISHER, AND LONG-TAILED WEASEL, or any part, offspring, or dead body of any of them.

(j) "Hunt" means to pursue, capture, catch, kill, gig, trap, shoot, or attempt to pursue, capture, catch, kill, gig, trap, or shoot, or in any manner reduce any bird or mammal to personal possession. HOWEVER, "HUNT" MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO INCLUDE THE SPORT OF FOX CHASING.

(t) "Unprotected mammal" means [fox, skunk,] NUTRIA and woodchuck.

10-406.

(B) (5) IN DORCHESTER COUNTY A PERSON MAY HUNT OR TRAP A FOX OR POSSESS THE PELT OF A FOX AT ANY TIME OF YEAR.

(6) A PERSON MAY HUNT OR TRAP ON HIS LAND A FOX OR SKUNK THAT IS DAMAGING OR DESTROYING THE PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY OF THE LANDOWNER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved April 11, 1978.