

shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 524

(Senate Bill 962)

AN ACT concerning

Retriever Dog Training Permits

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to issue annual permits to persons who train retriever dogs; exempting assistants to the trainer from obtaining a permit; providing that, upon payment of a fee, the owner or custodian of a retriever dog may train his dog at any time of the year; prohibiting a trainer from hunting wildlife with his retriever dog during a closed season; and providing that a trainer may possess and shoot artificially reared game birds which are hand liberated and which are tagged before their use with identification bands provided by the Department of Natural Resources.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-413(e)
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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

10-413.

(E) (1) THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF A RETRIEVER DOG SHALL OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE HE MAY ~~SHOOT ARTIFICIALLY REARED GAME BIRDS IN THIS STATE. SHOOT ARTIFICIALLY REARED GAME BIRDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING THE DOG. THE PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED IN ORDER TO SHOOT GAME BIRDS DURING AN OPEN SEASON OR ON A LICENSED SHOOTING PRESERVE.~~

(2) ONLY THE TRAINER OF A RETRIEVER DOG AND NOT AN ASSISTANT TO THE TRAINER IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) ON PAYMENT OF THE \$20 \$5 PERMIT FEE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE ANNUALLY A PERMIT TO THE OWNER OR