

Section 10-408.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

10-408.1.

(a) A person, while trapping or attempting to trap animals, may not place, set, maintain, or operate any snares, body-gripping, or leghold traps within 150 yards of a permanent human residence.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) State and federal wetlands;

(2) [private] PRIVATE wetlands as designated by the Department [of Natural Resources];

(3) [land] LAND which qualifies for agricultural assessments as provided in Article 81 of the [Annotated] Code [of Maryland] and timberland and lands used for reforestation; [and]

(4) EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE HOWARD AND HARFORD COUNTIES, owners and lessees of any privately owned land; AND

(5) OWNERS AND LESSEES OF ANY PRIVATELY OWNED LAND IN BALTIMORE HOWARD AND HARFORD COUNTIES AS LONG AS A TRAP DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT WITHIN 150 YARDS OF THE PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

(c) This section does not apply to the use of body-gripping traps with a jaw spread of less than 6 inches that are placed, maintained, and operated completely submerged in water.

(d) This section does not apply to the use of snap-type traps used to catch rats and mice.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 20, 1980.
