

## CHAPTER 780

(House Bill 1069)

AN ACT concerning

## Wildlife - Crows

FOR the purpose of reclassifying, for purposes of the wildlife title of the Natural Resources Article, crows and their parts to be within the category of upland game birds and mammals, rather than unprotected birds; and establishing the open season to hunt crows.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 10-101(s) and (u), and 10-405(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 10-405(c)  
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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

10-101.

(s) "Unprotected bird" means any English sparrow[,] AND European starling[, or crow] or any part, egg, offspring, or dead body of any of them.

(u) "Upland game birds and mammals" means upland game birds (blackbirds, CROWS, doves, pheasant, quail, and woodcock) and upland game mammals (rabbit and hare) or any part, egg, offspring, or dead body of any of them.

10-405.

(a) Pursuant to § 10-205, the Department shall establish by rule or regulation and publish by July 1 each year the open season, excepting Sundays, to hunt the forest and upland game birds and mammals EXCEPT FOR CROWS.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B), THE OPEN SEASON TO HUNT CROWS SHALL BE JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR.