

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved April 28, 1981.

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CHAPTER 176

(House Bill 820)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County - Steel Jaw Leghold Traps

FOR the purpose of providing that in Baltimore County a person may not use, set, place, or maintain any steel jaw leghold trap on land; ~~and~~ providing that in Baltimore County, steel jaw leghold traps may be used for the capture of fur-bearing mammals in water only; and providing exceptions to this provision.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 10-410(o)~~(i)~~  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

10-410.

(o) (1) In BALTIMORE, Montgomery, and Prince George's 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.

(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 of the Maryland Wildlife Administration who exercises his duties for wildlife control under guidelines established by the Administration.