

CHAPTER 460

(House Bill 465)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Steel Jaw Leghold Trap Prohibition

Ho. Co. 7-06

FOR the purpose of adding Howard County to the counties in which the use, setting, placement, and maintenance of steel jaw leghold traps on land is prohibited; and generally relating to steel jaw leghold trap prohibitions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 10-410(o)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

10-410.

(o) (1) In Anne Arundel, Baltimore, HOWARD, 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 subsection does not apply to:

(i) Traps set on farmland by the owner of the farmland, by the owner's agent or tenant, owner's lessee, or by any member of the owner's or tenant's immediate family who resides on the farmland; or

(ii) Traps set by an authorized agent of the Maryland Forest, Park and Wildlife Service who exercises the agent's duties for wildlife control under guidelines established by the Department.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved May 16, 2006.

