

**CHAPTER 406**

**(House Bill 972)**

AN ACT concerning

**Natural Resources - Endangered and Threatened Species - Incidental Taking - Puritan Tiger Beetle**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue an incidental taking permit for the endangered puritan tiger beetle if the applicant submits a certain plan and the Secretary makes certain findings; authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the establishment of an incidental taking permit for the puritan tiger beetle.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 10-2A-01 and 10-2A-05

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 10-2A-05.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

**Article - Natural Resources**

10-2A-01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Conserve" means to use all methods and procedures for the purpose of increasing the number of individuals within species or populations up to the optimum carrying capacity of their habitat and maintaining these levels.

(2) "Conserve" includes all activities associated with scientific resources management such as research, census, law enforcement, habitat acquisition and maintenance, propagation, live trapping, and transplantation, including the periodic or total protection of species or populations as well as regulated taking.

(3) With respect to endangered and threatened species, "conserve" means to use all methods and procedures including those described in this subsection which are necessary to bring any endangered or threatened species to the point at which the measures provided for these species pursuant to this subtitle are no longer