

AN ACT concerning

Wildlife - Replacement-Values Restitution for Injuring, Killing, or Destroying

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring a person to forfeit to the State a certain amount of money to replace any wildlife or protected species of animal that the person injures, kills, or destroys under certain circumstances; specifying certain replacement values for wildlife and protected species of animals; requiring certain courts to order a person to pay certain replacement values for wildlife or protected species of animals under this Act; providing for the collection, payment, and use of money forfeited under this Act; and generally relating to the replacement values for certain wildlife and protected species of animal that are injured, killed, or destroyed under certain circumstances.~~ authorizing courts of this State to impose, in addition to any other penalty for illegally injuring or killing wildlife, a requirement for certain restitution to the State based on certain wildlife values; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to promulgate regulations establishing certain wildlife values; requiring certain restitution to be paid to the State and used for certain purposes; and generally relating to requiring persons who illegally kill or injure wildlife to make restitution to the State.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-1107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

10-1107.

(A) IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF VIOLATING ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE AND THE VIOLATION CAUSES OR RESULTS IN THE INJURY, DEATH, OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY WILDLIFE, INCLUDING A PROTECTED SPECIES OF ANIMAL, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE PERSON SHALL FORFEIT TO PAY RESTITUTION TO THE STATE THE COST LISTED IN FOR THE RESOURCE VALUE OF THE WILDLIFE, AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT, TAKING INTO