

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

Article - Natural Resources

10-1101.

(a) For the purpose of this title, each game bird or mammal taken illegally, purchased, offered for purchase, sold, bartered, or exchanged in excess of the bag limit or possessed illegally constitutes a separate offense.

(b) Any person who violates any provision of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor. Unless another penalty is specifically provided elsewhere in this title, the person, upon conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding [\$500] \$1,500 with costs imposed in the discretion of the court.

(c) (1) Unless another penalty is specifically provided elsewhere in this title, any person found guilty of a second or subsequent violation of any provision of this title, is subject to a fine not exceeding [\$1,000,] \$4,000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, with costs imposed in the discretion of the court.

(2) In addition, the license under which he operated in the commission of the violation shall be suspended for 12 months from the date of the second conviction.

(3) For the purpose of this subsection, a second or subsequent violation is one which has occurred within two years of any prior violation of this title and which arises out of a separate set of circumstances.

(d) In addition to any administrative penalty provided in this title, violation of any rule or regulation promulgated by any unit within the Department pursuant to the provisions of this title is a misdemeanor and is punishable as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

(e) This section does not apply to a violation of § 10-424(2) of this title.

10-1105.

A natural resources police officer or any law enforcement officer, upon arresting any person for violating any provision of this title or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to it, may seize every bird, mammal, reptile, and amphibian unlawfully caught, sold, offered for sale, transported, or possessed. The Department may dispose of any seized species of wildlife at its discretion.