

Article - Natural Resources
 Section ~~10-101(e)~~ 10-101(g)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, In the last several years, several bobcats have been hunted and killed in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, In order to protect bobcats from hunting pressures in Maryland, the bobcat needs to be classified as a "forest-game mammal" "fur-bearing mammal" in order that the Department of Natural Resources may include the bobcat on its game list, which would prohibit the hunting of the bobcat until it is feasible to provide for an open hunting season on the bobcat; and

WHEREAS, ~~The General Assembly intends this Act to protect bobcats in the same way that black bears were protected by Chapter 641 of the Laws of the General Assembly of 1985;~~ now, therefore,

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

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10-101.

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

~~(e) "Forest-game birds and mammals" means forest-game birds (ruffed grouse and turkey) and forest-game mammals (black bears, BOBCATS, deer, fox squirrels, excluding the Delmarva subspecies, and gray and red squirrels) or any part, egg, offspring, or dead body of any of them.~~

~~10-205.~~

~~(a) Having a due regard for the distribution, abundance, economic value, and breeding habits of wildlife, the Secretary may adopt rules and regulations to enlarge, extend, restrict, or prohibit hunting, possessing, selling, purchasing, shipping, carrying, transporting, or exporting wildlife.~~

~~10-405.~~

~~(a) Pursuant to § 10-205 of this title, the Department shall establish by rule or regulation and publish by July 1 each~~