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(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is the policy of the State to conserve species of wildlife for human enjoyment, for scientific purposes, and to insure their perpetuation as viable components of their ecosystems;

(2) Species of wildlife and plants normally occurring within the State which may be found to be threatened or endangered within the State should be accorded the protection necessary to maintain and enhance their numbers; and

(3) The State should assist in the protection of species of wildlife and plants which are determined to be "threatened" or "endangered" elsewhere pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 87 Stat. 884, by prohibiting the taking, possession, transportation, exportation, processing, sale, offer for sale, or shipment within the State of endangered species and by carefully regulating these activities with regard to the threatened species.

(b) Exceptions to the prohibitions in subsection (a) of this section, for the purpose of enhancing the conservation of these species, may be permitted as set forth in this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources shall work with St. Mary's County to improve the public safety of Indian Bridge Road without appreciably jeopardizing the ~~existence~~ survival or recovery of the Eastern Narrow-Mouth Toad. The Department shall study the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act to determine if additional discretion and flexibility in the protection of ~~threatened and endangered species~~ the Eastern Narrow-Mouth Toad are required when weighed against public safety and the geographic range of the species. The Department shall report to the Environmental Matters Committee of the House of Delegates and to the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee of the Senate by December 1, 1994 on its findings and recommendations.

SECTION 2.3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1994 and remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May 30, 1996, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 26, 1994.

CHAPTER 695

(House Bill 1604)

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - ~~Chief's Decision~~ Final Order

FOR the purpose of ~~clarifying that a certain law enforcement officer has a right to be~~