

CHAPTER 572

(House Bill 797)

AN ACT concerning

**Fur-Bearing Mammals – Coyote**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “fur-bearing mammal” to include the coyote; allowing the sale, purchase, offer to purchase, barter, or exchange, of the meat, pelt, or carcass of a coyote; allowing a person to hunt or trap a coyote by certain methods under certain circumstances; allowing the Department of Natural Resources to establish a trapping season for coyote; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the hunting and trapping of fur-bearing mammals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10-101(g), 10-404(c), and 10-406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

10-101.

(g) “Fur-bearing mammal” means any COYOTE, raccoon, bobcat, opossum, beaver, mink, muskrat, otter, fox, skunk, fisher, and long-tailed weasel, or any part, offspring, or dead body of any of them.

10-404.

(c) Except as provided in § 10-512(a)(2)(ii) of this title, a person may not sell, offer for sale, purchase, offer to purchase, barter, or exchange, at any time within the State any game bird or game mammal taken from the wild, except the meat, pelt or carcass of any COYOTE, muskrat, raccoon, mink, otter, nutria, opossum, beaver, fox, long-tail weasel, fisher, or skunk, whether caught in the State or in another state, territory, or country.

10-406.

(a) Except during the hunting and trapping season or as allowed under subsection (b) of this section, a person may not hunt or trap any fur-bearing mammal or possess the meat or pelt of any fur-bearing mammal, whether hunted or trapped within the State or any other state, territory, or country.

(b) (1) (i) A person may possess any green pelt of any fur-bearing mammal until March 25 for purposes of curing the skins.