

**CHAPTER 276**

**(House Bill 1123)**

AN ACT concerning

**Migratory Waterfowl Stamp – Wildlife Migratory Waterfowl Advisory Committee**

FOR the purpose of decreasing the number of members of the Wildlife Migratory Waterfowl Advisory Committee; altering certain qualifications for members of the Wildlife Migratory Waterfowl Advisory Committee; altering certain responsibilities of the Wildlife Migratory Waterfowl Advisory Committee; and generally relating to the membership and responsibilities of the Wildlife Migratory Waterfowl Advisory Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10-308.1(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

10-308.1.

(f) (1) All revenues accruing to the Wildlife Management and Protection Fund from sales of the migratory wild waterfowl stamps shall be expended solely for the following purposes:

(i) Waterfowl projects included in an approved State program to create, develop, enhance, maintain, and manage nesting cover, winter foods, and other habitat components on public lands to satisfy the habitat requirements of a broad range of wintering waterfowl and native waterfowl species; and

(ii) Not more than 30% to adopt and implement a program to eradicate the species *Myocastor coypu* (nutria) and to control the species *Phragmites communis* (phragmites) on private lands.

(2) To encourage waterfowl habitat conservation on private lands, the Department shall implement a 10-year licensing agreement for approved projects on privately owned lands detailing the landowner's responsibilities. Expenditures by private landowners on private land for these waterfowl projects approved by the Department and covered by the licensing agreement shall be considered a contribution to the State.

(3) The Governor shall appoint ~~an~~ A [advisory committee] ~~WILDLIFE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL~~ ADVISORY COMMITTEE of [ 13 ] 9 members [ composed of 9 members who have a practical knowledge in raising wild ducks, and 4 members ] who