

Article - Natural Resources

Section 10-1201 through 10-1203, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 12. Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

SUBTITLE 12. INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT.

10-1201.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY APPROVES AND THE GOVERNOR IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A COMPACT ON BEHALF OF THIS STATE WITH ANY OTHER STATE OR STATES IN A FORM SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

FINDINGS, DECLARATION OF POLICY, AND PURPOSE

(A) THE PARTICIPATING STATES FIND THAT:

(1) WILDLIFE RESOURCES ARE MANAGED IN TRUST BY THE RESPECTIVE STATES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS;

(2) THE PROTECTION OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES OF A STATE IS MATERIALLY AFFECTED BY THE DEGREE OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE STATUTES, LAWS, REGULATIONS, RULES, AND ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THOSE RESOURCES;

(3) THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT, AND RESTORATION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES CONTRIBUTES IMMEASURABLY TO THE AESTHETIC, RECREATIONAL, AND ECONOMIC VALUES OF A STATE;

(4) WILDLIFE RESOURCES ARE VALUABLE WITHOUT REGARD TO POLITICAL BOUNDARIES; THEREFORE, EVERY PERSON SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH WILDLIFE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT, AND RESTORATION STATUTES, LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND ORDINANCES OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE CONTINUANCE OR ISSUANCE OF ANY LICENSE TO HUNT, FISH, TRAP, OR POSSESS WILDLIFE;

(5) VIOLATION OF WILDLIFE LAWS INTERFERES WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND MAY ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY;

(6) THE MOBILITY OF MANY WILDLIFE LAW VIOLATORS NECESSITATES THE MAINTENANCE OF CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION AMONG THE VARIOUS STATES;