

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

CHAPTER 118

(House Bill 760)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Diamondback Terrapin – Take and Possession

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources prepare a fishery management plan for the diamondback terrapin; prohibiting the take or possession of diamondback terrapin for commercial purposes; prohibiting the possession of a certain number of diamondback terrapin for noncommercial purposes; providing for certain exceptions to the prohibition on taking or possessing diamondback terrapin; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Maryland Aquaculture Coordinating Council, to adopt certain regulations before issuing certain permits; repealing the requirement that the Department adopt certain regulations for the catching of terrapin; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations for the conservation of diamondback terrapin; repealing certain exemptions from certain excise and use taxes relating to the catching of terrapin for commercial purposes; and generally relating to the catch, take, or possession of diamondback terrapin.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4-215(b), 4-902, and 4-903
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8-716(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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Article – Natural Resources