

An ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Conservation Enforcement Act of 2010

FOR the purpose of authorizing the reporting of certain information in an annual report issued by the Department of Natural Resources; declaring certain policy statements and findings relating to conservation law enforcement; specifying certain duties of the Natural Resources Police; authorizing an audit of seafood dealers and retailers for law enforcement purposes; authorizing the use of certain fishing reports for law enforcement purposes; repealing an exemption for certain vessels to pay a certain registration fee; increasing the fee for registering certain vessels; increasing the fines for illegal harvesting of oysters; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a commemorative life-time hunting license for a 2-year period under certain circumstances; reallocating the distribution of certain penalty revenues during a certain time period; authorizing use of a continuous electronic monitoring system for certain convictions of conservation laws; clarifying a certain property designation for enforcement purposes; providing for a separate procedure for forfeiture of firearms and other equipment unlawfully used to violate laws regulating the protection of wildlife; and generally relating to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of conservation law enforcement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Sections 1-201.1 through 1-204; 4-206; 8-712; 8-712.1; 4-1201; 4-1202; 4-1207; and 10-1102.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY adding to:

Article – Natural Resources

Sections 1-107; 1-201; 10-301.3; and 10-1106.1.

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Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland envisions a 21st Century Chesapeake Bay wherein indigenous fish and wildlife flourish because of a healthy watershed realized through citizen support; and

WHEREAS, The Public Trust Doctrine recognizes that government has an affirmative duty to administer, protect, manage and conserve fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Prevailing budget constraints resulting from a lingering economic recession have compromised Maryland's ability to, among other

things, offset attendant costs in the requisite enforcement of Maryland's fisheries and wildlife laws consistent with the State's 21st Century vision and the Public Trust Doctrine; and

WHEREAS, The intent of this Act is to recognize Maryland's commitment to the sustainability of these finite natural resources, with due regard to the dictates of fiscal practicality, by making conservation law enforcement more effective and efficient through the provision of additional investigative and funding tools, inclusive of strengthened deterrence for mitigating natural resources-related violations; now, therefore,

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

Article – Natural Resources

§ 1-107.

IN ANY REPORT ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION OF STATUTORY AND BUDGETARY PROPOSALS TO (1) PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE MANY BENEFITS ATTRIBUTABLE TO CONSERVING MARYLAND'S FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE; AND (2) REDUCE VIOLATIONS OF MARYLAND'S CONSERVATION LAWS.

§ 1-201.

(1) THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(A) THE CONSUMPTIVE NATURE OF AN EXPANDING POPULATION POSES A CLEAR AND PRESENT THREAT TO THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF MARYLAND'S FINITE FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE;

(B) ENHANCED CITIZENRY RECOGNITION OF THE INTRINSIC VALUE OF MARYLAND'S FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE WILL HELP ENSURE THE PERPETUATION OF THESE COVETED NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS;

(C) RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING MARYLAND'S NATURAL RESOURCES FROM ILLEGAL HARVESTING, AMONG OTHER ATTENDANT RESPONSIBILITIES, IS VESTED WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

(D) BUDGETARY REDUCTIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A LINGERING ECONOMIC RECESSION HAVE REDUCED THE NUMBERS OF CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO THE MEASURABLE DETRIMENT OF MARYLAND'S NATURAL RESOURCES;

(E) ENTRUSTING THE ENFORCEMENT OF MARYLAND'S CONSERVATION LAWS WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE, COUPLED WITH INCREASING HOMELAND SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES, REQUIRES AN INVESTMENT COMMENSURATE WITH THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE PUBLIC;

(F) A DIMINISHING ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE AFIELD AND ON THE WATERWAYS CORRELATES TO INCREASED VIOLATIONS OF MARYLAND'S CONSERVATION LAWS WHICH ERODE THE PROTECTIONS AFFORDED THE CITIZENRY BY THE PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE THAT SETS FORTH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ADMINISTER, PROTECT, MANAGE AND CONSERVE FISH AND WILDLIFE; AND

(G) VIOLATIONS OF MARYLAND'S CONSERVATION LAWS NECESSITATES AN ENHANCED INVESTMENT IN CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT BY (1) INCREASING NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE PERSONNEL AFIELD AND ON THE WATERWAYS THROUGH THE USE OF EXISTING REVENUE SOURCES AND FUTURE REVENUE SOURCES; AND (2) ENSURING THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE ARE PROPERLY EQUIPPED WITH THE TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND BOATS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH ITS STATUTORY MANDATE.

[§ -201] §1-201.1

(A) There is a Natural Resources Police Force in the Department WHICH SERVES AS A PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY WITH STATEWIDE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE CONSERVATION, BOATING AND CRIMINAL LAWS INCLUDING:

(1) PROVIDING MARITIME AND RURAL SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES;

(2) PROVIDING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE AREAS OF HUNTING, BOATING AND WATER SAFETY;

(3) PROVIDING PRIMARY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR MARYLAND'S STATE PARKS, STATE FORESTS, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, AND PUBLIC LANDS OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(4) SERVING AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR MARITIME HOMELAND SECURITY ON STATE WATERWAYS.

§ 1-202.

The Secretary is responsible for the enforcement of all natural resource laws of the State, including any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this article.

§ 1-203.

(a) The Secretary shall, within the limits of any appropriation made for this purpose, appoint Natural Resources police officers as the Secretary deems necessary for the efficient administration of the Natural Resources Police Force. All appointments shall be made from a list of eligible persons prepared in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

(b) The Secretary shall issue to each person appointed as Natural Resources police officer a commission and badge stating, "Natural Resources Police Officer".

(c) Except when on detective duty, every Natural Resources police officer shall wear in plain view a "Natural Resources Police Officer" badge when acting in his official capacity.

(d) The badge is the property of the State, and upon the termination of a commission of any Natural Resources police officer, it shall be returned with the commission to the Secretary.

(e) All Natural Resources police officers, including persons appointed for training prior to regular assignment as a Natural Resources police officer, shall remain in a probationary status for a period of 2 years from the date of initial appointment to the Natural Resources Police Force. The Secretary may discharge an employee in probationary status for any cause which is deemed sufficient in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

(f) In cases of inconsistency between this subtitle and the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, the provisions of this subtitle shall control as to all matters relating to the Natural Resources Police Force.

§ 1-204.

(a) In addition to any other powers conferred by this title, the Secretary and every Natural Resources police officer shall have all the powers conferred upon police officers of the State. These powers may be exercised anywhere within the State. The Natural Resources Police Force specifically is charged with enforcing the natural resources **AND CONSERVATION** laws of the State.

(b) Every Natural Resources police officer appointed under §1-203 of this subtitle shall perform duties the Secretary designates.

(c) Any law enforcement employee of the Department of Natural Resources who works overtime for any reason, whether or not the employee receives monetary payment for that overtime work, shall be considered to be employed by this State during those hours for purposes of all other employee entitlements.

§ 4-206.

(a) The Department [shall] **MAY** audit the books of any person who packs, [or] deals **OR RETAILS** in fish resources within the jurisdiction of the Department including:

(1) anyone who catches and ships directly to market; **AND**

(2) **ANY PERSON WHO OWNS OR OPERATES A RETAIL MARKET, RESTAURANT OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT WHERE FINFISH OR SHELLFISH ARE SOLD OR SERVED TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS AND NOT FOR RESALE.**

FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES, [The] **THE** Department audit shall be conducted to determine the quantity of resources caught and any other data needed for reporting and accounting to State officials.

(b) Every person engaged in the business of packing, **RETAILING** or dealing in any fish resource within the Department's jurisdiction shall keep accurate books, statements, and account showing every detail of the business. Every book, statement, account, shall be open for the Department to inspect at reasonable hours. **DURING THE COURSE OF AN INSPECTION, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT MAY INSPECT ANY AREA OF THE PREMISES WHERE FISH RESOURCES SUBJECT TO THE RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION MAY BE STORED. FAILURE TO PRODUCE THE REQUIRED RECORDS OR PERMIT AN INSPECTION IS A MISDEMEANOR AND PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN § 4-1201 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(C) Every person engaged in the business of packing, **RETAILING** or dealing in any fish resource within the Department's jurisdiction shall make any report the Department requires on forms the Department prescribes.

[(c)] (D) Every person the Department licenses to catch the fish resource shall make any report the Department requires on forms the Department provides.

~~[(d)]~~ **(E)** An officer or employee of any department or unit of the Executive Branch of State government may not divulge or use in any manner information contained in any report submitted pursuant to the provisions of this section that would reveal the income of any person submitting the report. This section does not:

(1) prohibit the publication of statistics classified to prevent the identification of particular reports and items of; ~~[or]~~

(2) prohibit inspection of reports and records by any official or employee of the Executive Branch having a proper interest in them; **OR**

(3) PROHIBIT THE USE OF INFORMATION GATHERED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

§ 8-712.

~~(c)~~ (1) Certificates of number issued under this section shall be valid for a period not to exceed 2 years. The owner of the vessel may apply every other year for renewal of the certificate. The renewed certificate shall expire on December 31 of the calendar year following the year the certificate is issued. The fee for a 2-year certificate for vessels is \$24. [Vessels 16 feet in length or less and equipped with a 7 1/2 horsepower motor or less are exempt from this fee.] The fee to replace a lost, destroyed, or corrected certificate is \$2. The Department shall record any transaction or transfer of numbered boats. The Department may record any amount of money owing on a vessel required to be numbered at the time of sale. The Department may not effect a transfer of ownership until the amount of money owed as shown on the records of the Department is fully paid or recorded on the new title. Any vessel that is required to be numbered under this section that is exempt 1 prior to January 1, 1974 shall be exempt from payment of this title tax.

§ 8-712.1.

(a) (1) An owner of a vessel that has a valid document issued by the United States Coast Guard and that is used principally on the waters of the State for pleasure shall apply to the Department for a Maryland use sticker.

(2) The Department shall issue a Maryland use sticker to any person who submits an application and pays a fee as required by subsection (b) of this section.

(3) The Maryland use sticker issued under this section shall be valid 15 for a period not to exceed 2 years expiring on December 31 of the calendar year following the year the sticker is issued.

(b) The owner of the vessel shall:

(1) Submit an application to the Department on the form that the Department requires and be signed by every owner of the vessel; and

(2) Pay to the Department an application fee of [~~\$10~~] **\$24** for the 2-year sticker.

§ 4-1201.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this title, a person who violates any provision of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, with costs imposed in the discretion of the court.

(b) Unless another penalty is specifically provided elsewhere in this title, any person found guilty of a second or subsequent violation of any provision of this title is subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, with costs imposed in the discretion of the court. For the purpose of this subsection, a second or subsequent violation is one which has occurred within two years of any prior violation of this title.

(c) In addition to any administrative penalty provided in this title, violation of any rule or regulation adopted by any unit within the Department pursuant to the provisions of this title is a misdemeanor and is punishable as provided in subsections (a) and (b).

(d) In addition to any other applicable penalty set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, a person who violates any provision of this title or any regulations adopted by the Secretary under the authority of this title concerning the taking of or creel limits for striped bass, commonly known as rockfish, shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) For a first violation, a fine not exceeding \$1,500 per fish;

(2) For a second violation, within a 2-year period, a fine not exceeding \$2,500 per fish and revocation of the fishing license for a period not less than 1 year but not more than 2 years; and

(3) For a third violation within a 4-year period, a fine not exceeding \$2,500 per fish and revocation of the fishing license for a period not less than 2 years but not more than 5 years.

(e) A common carrier transporting fish who is not the buyer, seller or catcher of the fish or is not controlled by the buyer, seller or catcher of the fish is not

subject to any penalty under this section for transporting fish which is either unlawfully caught or of unlawful size provided that the operator of the common carrier has in his possession a valid bill of lading, stating the origin, shipper, destination and receiver of the fish and the common carrier does not know or have reason to know that the fish were unlawfully caught or of unlawful size.

(f) In addition to any other applicable penalty set forth in this title, a person who unlawfully takes oysters **IN VIOLATION OF THE BUSHEL LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY LAW OR REGULATION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500 PER BUSHEL, AND** from a leased oyster bottom, an oyster sanctuary, an oyster reserve, or any area closed to shellfish harvest by the Department of the Environment, when the area is designated and marked by buoys or other signage or the person knew or should have known that taking the oysters from the area was unlawful, is subject to a fine not exceeding ~~[\$3,000]~~ **\$10,000.**

(g) (1) If a person is convicted of violating any provision of this title and the violation causes or results in the injury, death, or destruction of any fish, including a protected species of animal, in addition to any other penalty provided in this title, the Secretary may order the person to pay restitution to the Department of the resource value of the fish, as determined by the regulations adopted by the Department under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) The Department, in consultation with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, shall adopt regulations that establish a schedule of resource values for individual species.

(3) If two or more defendants are convicted for the same violation causing or resulting in the injury, death, or destruction of protected species of animals, the court may impose restitution against the defendants jointly and equally.

(4) (i) Restitution under this section shall be paid within 30 days or a time prescribed by regulation.

(ii) In each instance, restitution paid under this section shall be credited to the Department to be used only for the replacement, habitat management, or enforcement programs for injured, killed or destroyed fish or protected species of animals.

§ 4-1202.

(a) If any fine is imposed by the District Court for a violation of any provision of this title, ~~[the fine shall be collected pursuant to the provisions of law of the District Court system]~~ **THE FINE, LESS THE COSTS OF COLLECTION, SHALL BE PAID TO THE FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR**

CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- (1) 25% OF THE FINES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2012;**
- (2) 50% OF THE FINES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2013;**
- (3) 75% OF THE FINES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2014; AND**
- (4) 100% OF THE FINES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND THEREAFTER.**

(b) If any fine is imposed by the circuit court of any county, the fine, less the costs of collection, shall be paid to the Fisheries Research and Development Fund, unless otherwise provided for.

§ 4-1207.

(a) In addition to any other penalty or fine provided in this title, any person who is convicted of violating any provision of this title or any regulation adopted under the authority of this title may:

(1) have the license under which the person operated in the commission of the violation suspended or revoked by the court; **AND**

(2) FOR COMMERCIAL CRABBING, FISHING OR OYSTERING IN PROHIBITED AREAS OR BEFORE OR AFTER THE HOURS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, BE REQUIRED BY THE COURT AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION, OR BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A CONDITION OF CONTINUED LICENSURE, TO HAVE ON BOARD THE PERSON'S COMMERCIAL VESSEL A CONTINUOUS ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO MONITOR THE VESSEL'S LOCATION.

(b) (1) A court may suspend for not more than 1 year a fishing license of a person who is convicted of violating § 6-402 of the Criminal Law Article while carrying a fishing rod or net for the purpose of fishing.

(2) When a person not holding a fishing license is convicted of violating § 6-402 of the Criminal Law Article while carrying a fishing rod or net for the purpose of fishing, the court may order that the person not obtain a fishing license for a period of not more than 1 year.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

§ 10-301.3

(A) THERE IS A COMMEMORATIVE LIFE-TIME HUNTING LICENSE.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A LIMITED NUMBER OF COMMEMORATIVE LIFE-TIME HUNTING LICENSES TO CERTAIN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, CONSISTENT WITH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH CAN MARKET AND SELL THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFE-TIME HUNTING LICENSES ASSIGNED TO THEM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) 100% OF THE PROCEEDS REALIZED FROM THE SALE OF COMMEMORATIVE LIFE-TIME HUNTING LICENSES SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE IN FUNDING CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE.

(D) THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFE-TIME HUNTING LICENSE SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT, CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBSECTION, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011.

§ 10-1102.

(a) If any fine is imposed by the District Court for a violation of any provision of this title, [the fine shall be collected pursuant to the provisions of law of the District Court system] THE FINE, LESS THE COSTS OF COLLECTION, SHALL BE PAID TO THE STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION FUND FOR CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- (5) 25% OF THE FINES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2012;**
- (6) 50% OF THE FINES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2013;**
- (7) 75% OF THE FINES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2014; AND**
- (8) 100% OF THE FINES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND THEREAFTER.**

(b) If any fine is imposed by the circuit court of any county, the fine, less the costs of collection, shall be paid to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund, unless otherwise provided for.

§ 10-1106.1

(A) (1) "PROPERTY UNLAWFULLY USED TO VIOLATE THIS TITLE" INCLUDES:

(I) ANY MODERN FIREARM, SHOTGUN, RIFLE, MUZZLELOADER, BOW, CROSSBOW, KNIVES OR ANY OTHER WEAPON;

(II) AMMUNITION;

(III) BINOCULARS, SPOTTING SCOPES, TELESCOPIC SITES, RANGEFINDERS, NIGHT VISION SCOPES AND OTHER OPTICS;

(IV) TREE STANDS AND BLINDS;

(V) TRAIL CAMERAS, DIGITAL CAMERAS, SPOT LIGHTS, FLASHLIGHTS, LASERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT; AND

(VI) PASSENGER AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLES;

(VII) MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED VESSELS; AND

(VIII) ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT USED TO AID IN THE VIOLATION OF ALL NATURAL RESOURCES LAW AND REGULATIONS.

(B) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY, FINE OR FORFEITURE PROVIDED BY THIS TITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY FILE A COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY UNLAWFULLY USED TO VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE REGULATING THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE.

(C) FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY UNLAWFULLY USED TO VIOLATE THIS TITLE SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN §§ 12-304 THROUGH 12-308 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.

(D) A FORFEITURE ORDERED BY THE COURT BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR DISPOSITION AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION AS SET FORTH UNDER § 10-1106 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly encourages the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission, under its authority set forth in Section 24-205 of the Education Article, to help promote

public recognition of and appreciation for the role of the Natural Resources Police in enforcing the conservation laws of the State.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly encourages the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a study of additional changes to existing law that may enable the Natural Resources Police to become more effective and efficient, including use of technology for the prevention and detection of violations. Findings and recommendations shall be presented to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee by December 1, 2010.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly is supportive of funding policy strategies intended to bolster the ranks of the Natural Resources Police in order to help meet 21st Century demands placed upon conservation law enforcement, inclusive of creative ways and means by which revenues realized under this Act can be used to leverage additional revenues from the public and private sector for such purposes. A report on proposed funding policy strategies shall be developed by the Department of Legislative Services in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, sportsmen's groups and any other entities deemed appropriate by the Department. Findings and recommendations shall be presented to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee no later than October 1, 2011.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly encourages the Governor to enhance public awareness of and reliance upon the Maryland Natural Resources Police reserve officers in order to complement conservation law enforcement-related responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of the Natural Resources Police.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That revenues made available to the Natural Resources Police for conservation law enforcement purposes under this Act shall be used to supplement, not supplant, existing revenues allocated to the Natural Resources Police for conservation law enforcement purposes.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly encourages the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to distribute to the Department of Natural Resources, for the purposes of conservation law enforcement, any funds the Foundation receives from the United States Department of Justice as fines or penalties resulting from federal convictions of game violations in the State of Maryland.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2010.