

SENATE BILL 94

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Requested: October 19, 2017

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Unprotected Birds – Pigeons**

3 FOR the purpose of adding “pigeon” to the defined term “unprotected bird” for the purposes
4 of the wildlife and hunting laws of the State; making a technical correction; and
5 generally relating to unprotected birds.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 10–101(a) and 10–401(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 10–101.

20 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (u) “Unprotected bird” means any English sparrow [and], **PIGEON, OR** European

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 starling or any part, egg, offspring, or dead body of any of them.

2 10-401.

3 (a) Except for unprotected birds and game birds hunted during open season, a
4 person may not hunt, destroy, or possess in any manner any wild bird within the State
5 whether killed in the State or in any other state, territory, or country.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
7 1, 2018.