

HOUSE BILL 45

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By: **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Natural Resources)**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Sale, Barter, or Exchange of Mounted Specimens From**
3 **Decedent’s Estate**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the sale, barter, or exchange of a mounted specimen from
5 a decedent’s estate under certain circumstances; and generally relating to game
6 birds and game mammals.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 10–404(e)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Natural Resources
14 Section 10–404(g)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 10–404.

21 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection or §
22 10–512(a)(2)(ii) of this title, a person may not sell, offer for sale, barter, or exchange, at any
23 time within the State any game bird or game mammal taken from the wild, in the State or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 in another state, territory, or country.

2 (2) The prohibitions of paragraph (1) of this subsection do not apply to the:

3 (i) Meat, pelt, carcass, or mounted specimen of any beaver, coyote,
4 fisher, fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, or long-tailed weasel
5 legally taken by the person;

6 (ii) Hide, hair, tail, or feet, excluding a mounted specimen of deer,
7 squirrel, or rabbit legally acquired;

8 (iii) Feathers, skin, or feet, excluding a mounted specimen of upland
9 and forest game birds legally acquired;

10 (iv) Except as prohibited by federal law, feathers of wetland game
11 birds legally acquired; [or]

12 (v) Antlers of deer legally acquired in another state and
13 manufactured into an article of commerce in another state; OR

14 (VI) **LEGALLY ACQUIRED MOUNTED SPECIMEN OF A GAME BIRD,
15 EXCLUDING A MIGRATORY GAME BIRD, OR GAME MAMMAL, IF THE ORIGINAL OWNER
16 IS DECEASED AND THE SPECIMEN IS PART OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF AN
17 OWNER WHOSE ESTATE IS BEING LIQUIDATED OR DISTRIBUTED.**

18 (g) Except as authorized under Subtitle 5 or Subtitle 9 of this title, a person may
19 not purchase, offer to purchase, barter, or exchange any game bird or game mammal or any
20 part of a game bird or game mammal if the sale, offer for sale, barter, or exchange is
21 prohibited by this section.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2024.