HOUSE BILL 187

L27 lr 1520CF SB 103 By: St. Mary's County Delegation Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2017 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 15, 2017 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning St. Mary's County – Foxes and Hounds – Repeal of Provisions FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that relate to trapping or shooting certain foxes or shooting or molesting certain hounds in St. Mary's County. BY repealing The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County Section 54–1 and 54–2 and the chapter "Chapter 54. Foxes" Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland (2007 Edition and March 2014 Supplement, as amended) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article 19 - St. Mary's County [Chapter 54. Foxes.] 54-1.It shall be unlawful in Saint Mary's County for any person in any manner to trap any fox or to set any trap to catch any fox. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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It shall be unlawful in Saint Mary's County for any person to shoot any fox while it is being pursued by hounds or to shoot or molest any hound while chasing a fox. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than twenty–five dollars (\$25.00) for each and every offense.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 8 October 1, 2017.

Approved:	
	Governor.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.