

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENATE DELEGATION

BILL REPORT: MC 16-10

***Montgomery County – Leghold or Body-Gripping Traps – Prohibition
(Senator Lenett & Delegate Hucker & Senators Frosh, Madaleno &
Raskin)***

Motion on Bill: FAVORABLE (7-1) on March 26, 2010

Motion Offered By: LENETT

2nd By: KING

**Voting For: FOREHAND, FROSH, GARAGIOLA, KING, LENETT, MADALENO,
RASKIN**

Voting Against: KRAMER

SUMMARY: The bill expands the application of the existing prohibition against the use, setting, placement, or maintenance of a steel jaw leghold or body-gripping trap on land in Montgomery County to include not only steel traps but all varieties of leghold or body-gripping traps on both land and water with the exception of authorized agents of a certain department (who exercise duties of an agent for wildlife control).

Of significance, this bill would expand the prohibition of use for leghold or body-gripping traps in Montgomery County to include not only traps set on land but also those set on water and to prohibit the setting of such traps on farmland by the owner of the farmland, by the owner's agent or tenant, owner's lessee, or by any member of the owner's or tenant's immediate family who resides on the farmland. Currently the prohibition against the use of steel jaw leghold or body-gripping traps in Montgomery County does not apply to traps set on farmland by the owner of a farm or the owner's agent and/or tenant and also currently does not apply to steel jaw leghold traps used for the capture of fur-bearing water mammals.

TESTIMONY:

Supporting: (See bill hearing report)

Opposing: (See bill hearing report)