
By: **Delegate Guns**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Kent County - Sea Duck Zones - Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from adopting
4 certain regulations restricting the hunting of certain wild waterfowl during the
5 open season in a sea duck zone in Kent County; and generally relating to the
6 regulation of sea duck zones in Kent County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 10-205
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 10-205.

16 (a) (1) Having a due regard for the distribution, abundance, economic value,
17 and breeding habits of wildlife, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
18 SUBSECTION, the Secretary may adopt regulations to enlarge, extend, restrict, or
19 prohibit hunting, possessing, selling, purchasing, shipping, carrying, transporting, or
20 exporting wildlife.

21 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ADOPT REGULATIONS RESTRICTING IN
22 A SEA DUCK ZONE IN KENT COUNTY THE HUNTING OF ANY WILD WATERFOWL
23 OTHERWISE PERMITTED TO BE HUNTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE
24 DURING THE OPEN SEASON.

25 (b) In addition to any other penalty provided in this title, any person convicted
26 of violating any regulation adopted by the Department shall be fined \$5 for each bird,
27 mammal, amphibian, or reptile illegally hunted or possessed. However, this
28 additional penalty does not apply to game birds and mammals. If a person is

1 convicted a second or subsequent time within the same 12 month period for a
2 violation of the regulations the Department adopts, the person:

- 3 (1) Shall have the person's hunter's license suspended; and
- 4 (2) May not procure a hunter's license the following calendar year.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2000.