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CHAPTER 122

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Deer Hunting - Bonus Stamps**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions relating to the issuance of bonus deer  
4 stamps; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a limited  
5 number of bonus antlerless deer stamps; specifying the fee for a bonus antlerless  
6 deer stamp for residents and nonresidents; making certain stylistic and  
7 technical changes; and generally relating to the issuance of bonus deer stamps  
8 for hunting deer.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Natural Resources  
11 Section 10-415(a), (c), and (d)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Natural Resources**

17 10-415.

18 (a) There are the following 3 seasons to hunt deer:

19 (1) [A] DEER bow hunting season;

20 (2) [A] DEER firearms season; and

1 (3) [A] DEER muzzle loader season.

2 (c) (1) [Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle] SUBJECT TO  
3 SUBSECTION (D)(3) OF THIS SECTION, a person with a consolidated hunting license  
4 also may purchase bonus deer stamps [for each type of deer hunting season] from the  
5 Department.

6 (2) A bonus deer stamp allows the person with the consolidated hunting  
7 license to hunt 1 [extra] deer for each stamp purchased in any of the following  
8 hunting seasons for deer in the State [for which the person has purchased a bonus  
9 deer stamp]:

10 (i) [Bow and arrow] DEER BOW HUNTING season;

11 (ii) [Black powder] DEER MUZZLE LOADER season; and

12 (iii) [Firearms] DEER FIREARMS season.

13 (3) The fee for each bonus deer stamp issued in accordance with this  
14 subsection shall be \$5.00 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

15 (4) (i) The Department may establish by regulation the type and  
16 number of deer stamps issued under this subsection if necessary to control the deer  
17 harvest in various areas of the State.

18 (ii) 1. The Department shall establish by regulation an early  
19 [black powder] DEER MUZZLE LOADER season on two consecutive Fridays and  
20 Saturdays in October.

21 2. The Department shall limit hunting during the second  
22 weekend of the early [black powder] DEER MUZZLE LOADER season to antlerless deer  
23 only.

24 (d) (1) A person with a basic hunting license and any individual hunting  
25 stamp also may purchase bonus deer stamps for [each type of] USE DURING ANY deer  
26 hunting season.

27 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph AND  
28 SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, the bonus deer stamp allows the  
29 person with the basic license to hunt 1 [extra] deer in each hunting season for which  
30 the person has purchased an individual hunting stamp [and bonus deer stamp].

31 (ii) An individual who purchases a bonus deer stamp but does not  
32 use it during a particular season may use that stamp during any subsequent season  
33 in that hunting LICENSE year.

34 (3) (I) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIMITED NUMBER OF BONUS  
35 ANTLERLESS DEER STAMPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE HARVEST OF  
36 ANTLERLESS DEER IN A PARTICULAR DEER MANAGEMENT REGION OR ZONE.

1 (II) THE FEE TO APPLY FOR A BONUS ANTLERLESS DEER STAMP IS  
2 \$5 FOR RESIDENTS AND \$25 FOR NONRESIDENTS.

3 (III) THE FEE IS NONREFUNDABLE IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT  
4 OBTAIN AN ANTLERLESS DEER STAMP. IF AN INDIVIDUAL OBTAINS A BONUS  
5 ANTLERLESS DEER STAMP, THE APPLICATION FEE FOR THE STAMP WILL BE APPLIED  
6 TO THE FEE FOR THE STAMP AND NO ADDITIONAL STAMP FEE WILL BE REQUIRED.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 July 1, 2000.