

HOUSE BILL 860

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By: **Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Arora, Barkley, Carr, Holmes, Kaiser, Kramer,
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Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Baiting Deer – Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from using food, salt, or other mineral–based
4 attractants for the purpose of attracting deer except under certain
5 circumstances; authorizing a person to use food, salt, or other mineral–based
6 attractants to attract deer for the purpose of certain hunting or population
7 control activities; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for a
8 certain penalty; and generally relating to baiting deer.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Natural Resources

11 Section 10–416.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 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 **10–416.1.**

18 **(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A**
19 **PERSON MAY NOT USE FOOD, SALT, OR OTHER MINERAL–BASED ATTRACTANTS**
20 **FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTRACTING DEER.**

21 **(B) A PERSON MAY USE FOOD, SALT, OR OTHER MINERAL–BASED**
22 **ATTRACTANTS TO ATTRACT DEER FOR THE PURPOSE OF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) LAWFUL HUNTING ACTIVITIES; OR**

2 **(2) POPULATION CONTROL ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT.**

4 **(C) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE**
5 **AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO RESTRICT THE USE OF BAIT IN CHRONIC**
6 **WASTING DISEASE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

7 **(D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY**
8 **OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT**
9 **EXCEEDING \$500, WITH COSTS IMPOSED IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2014.