

SENATE BILL 966

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SB 259/10 – EHE

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By: **Senators Dyson and Middleton**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County – Deer Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a
4 program in certain counties to train rifle shooters to hunt deer for the purpose
5 of controlling the deer population; requiring the Department to give certain
6 applicants priority to participate in the program; requiring the Department to
7 adopt certain regulations; authorizing a person to hunt deer with a certain
8 shotgun in certain counties during certain months; authorizing an individual
9 who holds a Deer Management Permit in certain counties to hunt with a certain
10 shotgun during deer season in certain locations, and to hunt deer on certain
11 State lands under certain conditions; prohibiting the Department from
12 requiring an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit in certain
13 counties to renew the permit more frequently than at a certain interval;
14 prohibiting the Department from authorizing an individual in certain counties
15 to hunt deer on Sundays under a Deer Management Permit; defining a certain
16 term; and generally relating to deer hunting in Calvert County, Charles County,
17 and St. Mary's County.

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Natural Resources

20 Section 10–408.2 and 10–415(d)

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Natural Resources
3 Section 10–415(a)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Natural Resources**

9 **10–408.2.**

10 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM IN CALVERT
11 COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY TO TRAIN RIFLE
12 SHOOTERS TO HUNT DEER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROLLING THE DEER
13 POPULATION IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY’S
14 COUNTY.

15 (B) WHEN SELECTING APPLICANTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
16 PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
17 GIVE PRIORITY TO AN APPLICANT WHO HOLDS A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT
18 ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

19 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
20 THIS SECTION.

21 10–415.

22 (a) (1) There are the following 3 seasons to hunt deer:

23 [(1)] (I) Deer bow hunting season;

24 [(2)] (II) Deer firearms season; and

25 [(3)] (III) Deer muzzle loader season.

26 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A
27 PERSON MAY HUNT DEER WITH A SHOTGUN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT
28 FROM JANUARY THROUGH MARCH IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY,
29 AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY.

30 (D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT” MEANS
31 A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZING THE HOLDER TO HUNT

1 DEER OUTSIDE OF DEER HUNTING SEASON FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING
2 DAMAGE TO CROPS.

3 (2) IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY’S
4 COUNTY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT MAY:

5 (i) USE A SHOTGUN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO
6 HUNT DEER THROUGHOUT DEER SEASON IN THE LOCATIONS AND UNDER THE
7 CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT; AND

8 (ii) HUNT DEER ON STATE AGRICULTURAL CROP LAND
9 LOCATED IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY
10 TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE DEER
11 MANAGEMENT PERMIT TO HUNT ON PRIVATE LAND IN CALVERT COUNTY,
12 CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY.

13 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
14 HOLDS A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES
15 COUNTY, OR ST. MARY’S COUNTY TO APPLY FOR RENEWAL MORE THAN ONCE
16 EVERY 3 YEARS.

17 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT AUTHORIZE AN INDIVIDUAL IN
18 CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, OR ST. MARY’S COUNTY TO HUNT DEER
19 ON SUNDAYS UNDER A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.