HOUSE BILL 412

By: **Delegates Glass and Metzgar** Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2015 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Natural Resources – Deer Bow Hunting Season – End Date

- FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include a certain
 day in the deer bow hunting season in certain years; and generally relating to the
 deer bow hunting season.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Article Natural Resources
- 8 Section 10–405(a)
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article – Natural Resources

14 10-405.

(a) (1) Pursuant to § 10–205 of this title, the Department shall establish by
regulation and publish by July 1 each year the open season to hunt forest and upland game
birds and mammals.

18 (2) Except as provided under § 10–410 of this subtitle, the Department may
 19 not authorize hunting on a Sunday.

20 (3) (i) 1. Subject to subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, the 21 Department shall establish by regulation by July 1 of each year a junior deer hunt to occur 22 on a Saturday and Sunday on the same weekend during a deer hunting season.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$	authorize the junior deer not authorized for that S		The regulations adopted under this subparagraph may not to occur on a Sunday in a county in which deer hunting is
4	(ii)	A per	son may participate in the junior deer hunt if the person:
5		1.	Is 16 years of age or younger;
6 7	2. Possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from hunting license requirements; and		
8		3.	Is accompanied by a person who:
9		A.	Is at least 21 years of age;
10 11	B. Possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from hunting license requirements; and		
12 13	hunting device.	C.	Is not in possession of a firearm, a bow, or any other
$\begin{array}{c} 14 \\ 15 \end{array}$	(iii) A person who participates in the junior deer hunt may use a firearm to hunt deer on the days of the hunt.		
16 17 18	(4) IN ANY YEAR THAT JANUARY 31 DOES NOT FALL ON A SATURDAY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BY REGULATION INCLUDE THE FIRST SATURDAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON.		

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July20 1, 2015.

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