HOUSE BILL 517

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By: Delegate Glass

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Natural Resources - Deer Bow Hunting Season - End Date 3 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 4 5 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 2015 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 11 12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: **Article - Natural Resources** 13 10-405. 14 Pursuant to § 10–205 of this title, the Department shall establish by 15 (a) regulation and publish by July 1 each year the open season to hunt forest and upland game 16 17 birds and mammals. 18 Except as provided under § 10–410 of this subtitle, the Department may (2)19 not authorize hunting on a Sunday. 20 Subject to subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, the (3)Department shall establish by regulation by July 1 of each year a junior deer hunt to occur 21

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

on a Saturday and Sunday on the same weekend during a deer hunting season.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 The regulations adopted under this subparagraph may not 2.2 authorize the junior deer hunt to occur on a Sunday in a county in which deer hunting is 3 not authorized for that Sunday. A person may participate in the junior deer hunt if the person: 4 (ii) 1. Is 16 years of age or younger; 5 6 2. Possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from 7 hunting license requirements; and 8 3. Is accompanied by a person who: 9 A. Is at least 21 years of age; 10 B. Possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from 11 hunting license requirements; and 12 C. Is not in possession of a firearm, a bow, or any other hunting device. 13 14 A person who participates in the junior deer hunt may use a firearm to hunt deer on the days of the hunt. 15 16 **(4)** IN ANY YEAR THAT JANUARY 31 DOES NOT FALL ON A SATURDAY, 17 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BY REGULATION INCLUDE THE FIRST SATURDAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON. 18 19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 201, 2016.