

# SENATE BILL 1113

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Deer Management Permit – Firearms**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit in  
4 Talbot County to use certain firearms to hunt deer throughout the year under certain  
5 circumstances; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to authorize an  
6 individual to hunt deer on Sundays in Talbot County under certain circumstances;  
7 and generally relating to hunting deer under a Deer Management Permit in Talbot  
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Natural Resources  
11 Section 10–415(d)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 10–415.

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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 (d) (1) In this subsection, "Deer Management Permit" means a permit issued  
2 by the Department authorizing the holder to hunt deer outside of deer hunting season for  
3 the purpose of preventing damage to crops.

4 (2) (i) In Charles County and St. Mary's County, an individual who  
5 holds a Deer Management Permit may:

6 1. Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved  
7 by the Department to hunt deer throughout deer season in the locations and under the  
8 conditions set forth in the permit; and

9 2. If the individual leases State land in Charles County or St.  
10 Mary's County for the purpose of cultivating crops, hunt deer on the land leased by the  
11 individual in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit.

12 (ii) The Department may authorize an individual in Charles County  
13 or St. Mary's County to hunt deer on Sundays under a Deer Management Permit.

14 **(3) (I) IN TALBOT COUNTY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A DEER**  
15 **MANAGEMENT PERMIT MAY:**

16 **1. USE A SHOTGUN OR BREECH LOADING CENTER FIRED**  
17 **RIFLE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HUNT DEER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,**  
18 **INCLUDING ALL DEER HUNTING SEASONS, IN THE LOCATIONS AND UNDER THE**  
19 **CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT; AND**

20 **2. IF THE INDIVIDUAL LEASES STATE LAND IN TALBOT**  
21 **COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CULTIVATING CROPS, HUNT DEER ON THE LAND**  
22 **LEASED BY THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE LOCATIONS AND UNDER THE CONDITIONS SET**  
23 **FORTH IN THE PERMIT.**

24 **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE AN INDIVIDUAL IN**  
25 **TALBOT COUNTY TO HUNT DEER ON SUNDAYS UNDER A DEER MANAGEMENT**  
26 **PERMIT.**

27 **[(3)] (4)** To protect public safety and welfare, the Department may  
28 restrict the lands on which an individual may hunt deer under a Deer Management Permit.

29 **[(4)] (5)** (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

30 (ii) Subject to the conditions set forth in a Deer Management Permit,  
31 a permittee may use a rifle approved by the Department to harvest deer throughout the  
32 year, including all deer hunting seasons.

1 (iii) In Frederick County Zone 1, as defined in COMAR  
2 08.03.03.06A.(3)(g), an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer throughout the  
3 year.

4 (iv) 1. This subparagraph applies only in Frederick County Zone  
5 2, as defined in COMAR 08.03.03.06A.(3)(h).

6 2. Except as provided in subsubparagraph 3 of this  
7 subparagraph, an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer in a period beginning  
8 October 1 and ending March 31.

9 3. In a deer firearms season, an agent of a permittee may  
10 harvest deer only by using the weapon approved for that season.

11 (v) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this  
12 subsection.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2016.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.