

HOUSE BILL 119

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By: **Delegates Clark, Fisher, Jackson, Morgan, and Rey**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Hunting – Deer Management Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit in
4 Calvert County to use certain firearms to hunt deer throughout the year, including
5 all deer hunting seasons, in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the
6 permit; authorizing a permit holder in Calvert County to hunt deer on certain lands
7 under certain conditions; and generally relating to hunting deer under a Deer
8 Management Permit in Calvert County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 10–415(d)(1) and (3)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Natural Resources
16 Section 10–415(d)(2)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Natural Resources**

22 10–415.

23 (d) (1) In this subsection, “Deer Management Permit” means a permit issued
24 by the Department authorizing the holder or an agent of the holder to hunt deer outside of
25 deer hunting season for the purpose of preventing damage to crops.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) In Charles County, **CALVERT COUNTY**, and St. Mary's County, an
2 individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management Permit may:

3 (i) Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by
4 the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in
5 the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit; and

6 (ii) On State land in Charles County, **CALVERT COUNTY**, or St.
7 Mary's County leased by the permit holder for the purpose of cultivating crops, hunt deer
8 on the leased land in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit.

9 (3) To protect public safety and welfare, the Department may restrict the
10 lands on which an individual may hunt deer under a Deer Management Permit.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2018.