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HB934 Natural Resources- Female Deer Hunting Contests- Authorization

Environment and Transportation Committee

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Why We Need This Bill

Deer populations have increased at our natural areas and beyond resulting in a downward impact on forest health, agriculture destruction, deer ticks and disease and vehicle / deer collisions

Currently the state allows deer hunting in Maryland-

- Early September through the end of January
- Thanksgiving – December for two weeks
- January, a three- day short season
- Mid-October and late December

As the deer population continues to grow, we need to do more to curb the growth.

What Does This Bill Do

HB934 allows female deer hunting contests, with random lottery awards, to harvest female deer, with the goal of curbing the deer population.

I respectfully ask the Committee for a FAVORABLE vote on HB934.