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# Proposed Action on Regulations

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2. COMAR Codification

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6. Check applicable items:

New Regulations

Amendments to Existing Regulations

Date when existing text was downloaded from COMAR online: 5/4/2020.

Repeal of Existing Regulations



Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-205 and 10-415, Annotated Code of Maryland

### **Notice of Proposed Action**

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The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .03 under COMAR 08.03.04 Forest Wildlife.

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this action is to establish a process for a person to legally take possession of a deer or turkey killed by means other than hunting such as the result of a vehicle collision. The proposed change replaces the need to obtain a paper nonhunter kill tag from the Department of Natural Resources or local law enforcement agencies, a manual process which is reported as burdensome by all issuing parties. The new process will instead require the person to obtain a confirmation number for the deer or turkey taken into possession through an online reporting system. The person must obtain the confirmation number within 24 hours of taking possession of the deer or turkey.

### **Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

### **Estimate of Economic Impact**

The proposed action has no economic impact.

### **Economic Impact on Small Businesses**

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

### **Impact on Individuals with Disabilities**

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Comments may be sent to Karina Stonesifer, Associate Director, Wildlife and Heritage Service, Department of Natural Resources, 12512 Pleasant Valley Road, Flintstone, MD 21530, or call 301-777-2136, or email to [karina.stonesifer@maryland.gov](mailto:karina.stonesifer@maryland.gov), or fax to 301-777-2029. Comments will be accepted through August 31, 2020. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

## Economic Impact Statement Part C

- A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 21
- B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?  
Yes
- C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used: special (Wildlife Management and Protection Fund)
- D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:
- E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly: There will be changes in expenditures or revenue to the Department of Natural Resources as a result of this action.
- F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet. There will be no changes in expenditures or revenue to small businesses as a result of this action.
- G. Small Business Worksheet:

Attached Document:

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# Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

### .04 Forest Wildlife

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-205 and 10-415, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### .03 Tagging and Reporting Deer and Wild Turkey.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Harvest Reporting.
- (1) An individual killing a deer or turkey shall report the kill to the Department by calling a designated toll-free number, by registering the kill on the [Internet] *Department's internet-based checking system accessible through the Department's website*, or as *otherwise* designated on the Department's website.
- (2)–(3) (text unchanged)
- C. (text unchanged)
- D. *A person may take possession of a deer or turkey that has been killed by means other than hunting by obtaining a confirmation number from the Department as follows:*
- (1) *An individual taking possession of a deer or turkey killed by means other than hunting shall report the deer or turkey to the Department by registering the kill on the Department's internet-based checking system accessible through the Department's website, or as otherwise designated on the Department's website;*
- (2) *Prior to taking possession and transporting the deer or turkey, a field tag including the person's name, address, county location of the deer or turkey, and method of kill, shall be attached until a confirmation number has been obtained.*
- (3) *If a confirmation number has been obtained, a field tag is not required if the deer or turkey remains in the person's possession.*
- (4) *The deer or turkey shall be reported not later than 24 hours after the deer or turkey is taken into possession. Deer must be reported before the head or hide is removed. Turkeys must be reported before being processed for consumption;*

- (5) *After registering the deer or turkey, the person will receive a confirmation number; and*
- (6) *The individual shall maintain a record of the confirmation number. The confirmation number shall be made available to the Department on request.*
- [D.]E.– [E.]F. (text unchanged)