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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Deer Hunting - Sabot Loads**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of sabot loads in the hunting of deer in certain
4 counties or areas of counties designated by regulation of the Department of Natural
5 Resources; and generally relating to deer hunting.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 10-416(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 10-416.

15 (a) (1) A person may not hunt deer in the State with any automatic firearm. In
16 this subsection, an automatic firearm means a firearm designed to fire, or which is
17 mechanically altered to fire, 2 or more shots with 1 continuous pressure on the trigger.

18 (2) A person may not use full metal-jacketed, incendiary, or tracer bullets in
19 hunting deer in the State. However, the use of metal-jacketed bullets designed to expand
20 on impact is not prohibited.

21 (3) A person may not hunt deer with any firearm that uses an ammunition
22 clip holding more than 8 cartridges or bullets. In this paragraph, "ammunition clip"
23 includes a cartridge or bullet holder called a banana clip.

24 (4) A PERSON MAY NOT HUNT DEER USING SABOT LOADS IN A COUNTY
25 OR AN AREA OF A COUNTY DESIGNATED BY REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AS
26 A COUNTY OR AN AREA IN WHICH THE USE OF A RIFLE OR HANDGUN IN THE
27 HUNTING OF DEER IS PROHIBITED.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 1996.