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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Deer - Seasons and Bonus Stamps**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions relating to deer stamps; eliminating  
4 certain provisions relating to deer hunting in Dorchester County; providing that  
5 a bonus deer stamp purchased in one season may be used in a subsequent  
6 season during the same hunting year; altering certain fees; providing for the  
7 effective date of this Act; and generally relating to deer and hunting.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Natural Resources  
10 Section 10-301(f)(6) and 10-415  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 10-301.

17 (f) (6) The fees for individual hunting stamps are according to the following  
18 schedule:

19	(i)	Deer stamp.....	\$9.50
20	(ii)	Bow and arrow stamp.....	\$3.50
21	(iii)	Black powder stamp.....	\$3.50
22	(iv)	Maryland migratory wild waterfowl stamp.....	\$6.00
23	(v)	Resident [second] BONUS deer stamp for each type of deer	
24		hunting season.....	[\$5.00] \$10

1 (vi) Nonresident [second] BONUS deer stamp for each type of deer  
2 hunting season ..... [\$10.00] \$25

3 10-415.

4 (a) There are the following 3 seasons to hunt deer:

5 (1) A bow hunting season;

6 (2) A firearms season; and

7 (3) A muzzle loader season.

8 (b) [(1) In Dorchester County during each of the seasons for hunting deer, a  
9 person may hunt, pursue, or kill at least 1 whitetail deer of either sex and 2 sika deer  
10 of either sex without the need for a special antlerless permit.

11 (2) In Dorchester County, a person may hunt 1 additional whitetailed  
12 deer without a permit if the person:

13 (i) Is licensed to hunt deer under this title;

14 (ii) Has attained the whitetailed deer bag limit applicable to the  
15 county during the same designated deer hunting season; and

16 (iii) Is a State resident.

17 (c) (1) Every person killing a deer shall report with the deer to a designated  
18 checking station within 24 hours after killing the deer.

19 (2) Notwithstanding any requirement of law, if the designated checking  
20 stations are closed in the county where a person kills a deer, a Natural Resources  
21 police officer shall authorize the person to report with the deer to a designated  
22 checking station in another county.

23 [(d) (C) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a person  
24 with a consolidated hunting license also may purchase [a second] BONUS deer  
25 [stamp] STAMPS for each type of deer hunting season from the Department.

26 (2) [The second] A BONUS deer stamp allows the person with the  
27 consolidated hunting license to hunt 1 extra deer FOR EACH STAMP PURCHASED in  
28 [each] ANY of the following hunting seasons for deer in the State for which the person  
29 has purchased a [second] BONUS deer stamp:

30 (i) Bow and arrow season;

31 (ii) Black powder season; and

32 (iii) [After July 1, 1989, regular firearms] FIREARMS season.

1 (3) The fee for each [second] BONUS deer stamp issued in accordance  
2 with this subsection shall be [\$5.00] \$10 FOR RESIDENTS AND \$25 FOR  
3 NONRESIDENTS.

4 (4) The Department may [limit] ESTABLISH by regulation the type and  
5 number of deer stamps issued under this subsection if necessary to control the deer  
6 harvest in various areas of the State.

7 [(e)] (D) (1) [Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a] A  
8 person with a basic hunting license and any individual hunting stamp also may  
9 purchase [a second] BONUS deer [stamp from the Department] STAMPS for each  
10 type of deer hunting season.

11 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the  
12 [second] BONUS deer stamp allows the person with the basic license to hunt 1 extra  
13 deer in each hunting season for which the person has purchased an individual  
14 hunting stamp and [second] BONUS deer stamp.

15 (ii) [A second deer stamp:

16 1. May not be available for regular firearms season until  
17 after July 1, 1989; and

18 2. Shall be issued in accordance with regulations adopted by  
19 the Department] AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASES A BONUS DEER STAMP BUT DOES  
20 NOT USE IT DURING A PARTICULAR SEASON MAY USE THAT STAMP DURING ANY  
21 SUBSEQUENT SEASON IN THAT HUNTING YEAR.

22 [(3) The fee for each second deer stamp issued in accordance with this  
23 subsection shall be:

24 (i) Resident.....\$5.00;

25 and

26 (ii) Nonresident.....\$10.00.

27 (4) The Department may limit by regulation the type and number of deer  
28 stamps issued under this subsection if necessary to control the deer harvest in various  
29 areas of the State.]

30 [(f)] (E) A person may not remove the head or hide or any part from any deer,  
31 except internal organs, or cut the meat into parts until the deer has been checked by  
32 the Department or 1 of the Department's agents at a designated checking station.  
33 Removal of the head or the hide of any deer not checked at a designated checking  
34 station shall be prima facie evidence that the deer was hunted illegally. Each separate  
35 deer or part of any deer taken illegally or found in possession shall be considered a  
36 separate offense.

37 [(g)] (F) Any person who, while operating a motor vehicle on any highway in  
38 the State, accidentally strikes and kills a deer on the highway may have the deer if

1 the person produces visible evidence of collision with the deer to any Natural  
2 Resources police officer, State law enforcement officer, or other designated  
3 representative of the Secretary. The provisions of this subsection shall be applicable  
4 to deer killed by collision with a motor vehicle at any time whether during the open  
5 season for killing deer or during the legally closed season.

6       (h) (G) A person may not hunt a deer while the deer is taking refuge in or  
7 swimming through the waters of the State.

8       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 July 1, 1998.