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CHAPTER _____

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

1 (iii) Black powder stamp..... \$3.50
2 (iv) Maryland migratory wild waterfowl stamp..... \$6.00
3 (v) Resident [second] BONUS deer stamp for each type of deer
4 hunting season [\$5.00] \$10
5 (vi) Nonresident [second] BONUS deer stamp for each type of deer
6 hunting season [\$10.00] \$25
7 10-415.

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

9 (1) A bow hunting season;

10 (2) A firearms season; and

11 (3) A muzzle loader season.

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

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

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

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

20 (iii) Is a State resident.

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

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

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

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

1 (i) Bow and arrow season;

2 (ii) Black powder season; and

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

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

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

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

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

18 (ii) [A second deer stamp:

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

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

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

27 (i) Resident.....\$5.00;
28 and

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

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

33 [(f)] (E) A person may not remove the head or hide or any part from any deer,
34 except internal organs, or cut the meat into parts until the deer has been checked by
35 the Department or 1 of the Department's agents at a designated checking station.
36 Removal of the head or the hide of any deer not checked at a designated checking

1 station shall be prima facie evidence that the deer was hunted illegally. Each separate
2 deer or part of any deer taken illegally or found in possession shall be considered a
3 separate offense.

4 [(g)] (F) Any person who, while operating a motor vehicle on any highway in
5 the State, accidentally strikes and kills a deer on the highway may have the deer if
6 the person produces visible evidence of collision with the deer to any Natural
7 Resources police officer, State law enforcement officer, or other designated
8 representative of the Secretary. The provisions of this subsection shall be applicable
9 to deer killed by collision with a motor vehicle at any time whether during the open
10 season for killing deer or during the legally closed season.

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

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