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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Hunting - Deer**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish an  
4 early black powder season for deer on certain days in October; requiring the  
5 Department to establish antlered and antlerless deer requirements in certain  
6 regions; and generally relating to deer hunting.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Natural Resources  
9 Section 10-415(c)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Natural Resources  
14 Section 10-415(h)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Natural Resources**

20 10-415.

21 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a person with a  
22 consolidated hunting license also may purchase bonus deer stamps for each type of  
23 deer hunting season from the Department.

24 (2) A bonus deer stamp allows the person with the consolidated hunting  
25 license to hunt 1 extra deer for each stamp purchased in any of the following hunting  
26 seasons for deer in the State for which the person has purchased a bonus deer stamp:

27 (i) Bow and arrow season;

1 (ii) Black powder season; and

2 (iii) Firearms season.

3 (3) The fee for each bonus deer stamp issued in accordance with this  
4 subsection shall be \$5.00 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

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

8 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH BY REGULATION AN  
9 EARLY BLACK POWDER SEASON ON TWO CONSECUTIVE FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS IN  
10 OCTOBER.

11 (H) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH ANTLERED AND ANTLERLESS DEER  
12 HUNTING REQUIREMENTS IN EACH DEER MANAGEMENT REGION TO MEET THE  
13 GOALS OF THE DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 July 1, 1999.