
By: **Delegate Edwards**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting Accidents - Duty to Render Assistance - Reporting of Accidents**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons to render certain assistance to a person
4 injured in a hunting accident; requiring the exchange of certain information
5 following a hunting accident; requiring the reporting of certain hunting
6 accidents following treatment or investigation; classifying hunting accidents;
7 defining a certain term; and generally relating to hunting accidents, reporting
8 requirements, and the obligation to render aid.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 10-424, 10-424.1, and 10-1101(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Natural Resources**

17 10-424.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "HUNTING ACCIDENT" MEANS EITHER A:

19 (1) CLASS A ACCIDENT, AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A WEAPON IN WHICH A
20 PERSON:

21 (I) IS INJURED BY A HUNTER WHO IS ENGAGED IN HUNTING
22 WILDLIFE; OR

23 (II) INCURS A SELF-INFLICTED INJURY WHILE ENGAGED IN
24 HUNTING WILDLIFE; OR

25 (2) CLASS B ACCIDENT, IN WHICH A PERSON ENGAGED IN HUNTING
26 WILDLIFE FALLS FROM A TREE STAND OR OTHER ELEVATED STRUCTURE.

1 (B) While engaged in hunting or pursuing any wildlife, a person may not:

2 (1) Carelessly or negligently shoot, wound, or kill another person; or

3 (2) Intentionally or willfully destroy or damage any real property,
4 personal property, or farm livestock of another person.

5 (C) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION OR
6 WHO, WHILE ENGAGED IN HUNTING WILDLIFE, WITNESSES AN INJURY INFLICTED
7 ON ANOTHER PERSON BY A WEAPON SHALL:

8 (I) RENDER REASONABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE PERSON INJURED;
9 AND

10 (II) ARRANGE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE PERSON TO A
11 PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, OR HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IF:

12 1. THE INJURED PERSON REQUESTS MEDICAL TREATMENT;
13 OR

14 2. IT IS APPARENT THAT MEDICAL TREATMENT IS
15 NECESSARY.

16 (2) ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN A HUNTING ACCIDENT SHALL
17 EXCHANGE IN WRITING THEIR NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND HUNTING LICENSE
18 NUMBERS.

19 (D) (1) AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, A PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL, OR MEDICAL
20 FACILITY THAT TREATS A PERSON FOR A HUNTING ACCIDENT OR A LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT AGENT THAT INVESTIGATES A HUNTING ACCIDENT SHALL NOTIFY
22 THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE.

23 (2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, TO THE EXTENT THE INFORMATION IS
24 KNOWN:

25 (I) THE PERSON'S NAME AND ADDRESS;

26 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE INJURY; AND

27 (III) THE TYPE OF HUNTING ACCIDENT, AS CLASSIFIED UNDER
28 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

29 10-424.1.

30 In addition to any other penalty provided in this title, the Department may
31 suspend the hunting license of a person who is charged with a violation of §
32 [10-424(1)] 10-424(B)(1) of this [title] SUBTITLE pending the disposition of the
33 criminal proceeding against the person.

1 10-1101.

2 (e) This section does not apply to a violation of § [10-424(2)] 10-424(B)(2) of
3 this title.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 1999.