

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 500 (Delegate Weir. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

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**Natural Resources - Hunting - Deer**

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This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish an early black powder season for deer on two consecutive Fridays and Saturdays in October. The second weekend of the early black powder season must be limited to antlerless deer. The bill also requires DNR to determine antlered and antlerless deer requirements in each deer management region to meet the goals of the Deer Management Plan.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1999 and sunsets June 30, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The requirements of the bill could be handled with DNR's existing budgeted resources. Revenues would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Background:** The Department of Natural Resources currently sets by regulation the three seasons for hunting deer (bow, muzzleloader, and firearms seasons) and the number of deer that may be taken in each season.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Natural Resources, Department of Legislative

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