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House Bill 906 (Delegate Weir. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Sunday Hunting - Deer

This bill permits deer hunting on private land on Sundays in November and December with bow and arrow only. Hunters must have the written permission of the owner of the land or other person designated by the owner of the land, if the land is owned or leased by a person other than the person hunting on Sundays.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to study and make recommendations to the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee on the implementation of Sunday hunting of deer, including law enforcement issues and citizen complaints, by December 1 of each year. The study must include a comprehensive assessment of (1) harvest pressure on the deer population in the State as a result of deer management practices by a geographic region; and (2) the deer population in the State as a result of natural predators.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1999. The reporting requirement sunsets June 30, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Enforcement activities could be handled with DNR's existing budgeted resources, as could the reporting requirement.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

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