
By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Natural Resources)**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Deer Hunting - Bonus Stamps**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions relating to the issuance of bonus deer
4 stamps; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a limited
5 number of bonus antlerless deer stamps; specifying the fee for a bonus antlerless
6 deer stamp for residents and nonresidents; making certain stylistic and
7 technical changes; and generally relating to the issuance of bonus deer stamps
8 for hunting deer.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 10-415(a), (c), and (d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 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 10-415.

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

- 19 (1) [A] DEER bow hunting season;
- 20 (2) [A] DEER firearms season; and
- 21 (3) [A] DEER muzzle loader season.

22 (c) (1) [Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle] SUBJECT TO
23 SUBSECTION (D)(3) OF THIS SECTION, a person with a consolidated hunting license
24 also may purchase bonus deer stamps [for each type of deer hunting season] from the
25 Department.

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

5 (i) [Bow and arrow] DEER BOW HUNTING season;

6 (ii) [Black powder] DEER MUZZLE LOADER season; and

7 (iii) [Firearms] DEER FIREARMS season.

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

10 (4) (i) The Department may establish by regulation the type and
11 number of deer stamps issued under this subsection if necessary to control the deer
12 harvest in various areas of the State.

13 (ii) 1. The Department shall establish by regulation an early
14 [black powder] DEER MUZZLE LOADER season on two consecutive Fridays and
15 Saturdays in October.

16 2. The Department shall limit hunting during the second
17 weekend of the early [black powder] DEER MUZZLE LOADER season to antlerless deer
18 only.

19 (d) (1) A person with a basic hunting license and any individual hunting
20 stamp also may purchase bonus deer stamps for [each type of] USE DURING ANY deer
21 hunting season.

22 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph AND
23 SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, the bonus deer stamp allows the
24 person with the basic license to hunt 1 [extra] deer in each hunting season for which
25 the person has purchased an individual hunting stamp [and bonus deer stamp].

26 (ii) An individual who purchases a bonus deer stamp but does not
27 use it during a particular season may use that stamp during any subsequent season
28 in that hunting LICENSE year.

29 (3) (I) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIMITED NUMBER OF BONUS
30 ANTLERLESS DEER STAMPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE HARVEST OF
31 ANTLERLESS DEER IN A PARTICULAR DEER MANAGEMENT REGION OR ZONE.

32 (II) THE FEE TO APPLY FOR A BONUS ANTLERLESS DEER STAMP IS
33 \$5 FOR RESIDENTS AND \$25 FOR NONRESIDENTS.

34 (III) THE FEE IS NONREFUNDABLE IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT
35 OBTAIN AN ANTLERLESS DEER STAMP. IF AN INDIVIDUAL OBTAINS A BONUS
36 ANTLERLESS DEER STAMP, THE APPLICATION FEE FOR THE STAMP WILL BE APPLIED
37 TO THE FEE FOR THE STAMP AND NO ADDITIONAL STAMP FEE WILL BE REQUIRED.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2000.