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By: **Delegate Schisler**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting - Deer - Use of Trailing Dog**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a person hunting deer in a deer season to use a leashed  
4 dog to track and recover the deer under certain circumstances; clarifying the  
5 application of a provision allowing certain dogs pursuing deer to be killed; and  
6 generally relating to deer hunting and dogs.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Natural Resources  
9 Section 10-416(b)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 10-416.

16 (b) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A  
17 person may not:

18 (I) [take] TAKE a dog into the woods or possess or control a dog in  
19 the [woods] WOODS; and

20 (II) [use] USE the dog to hunt OR PURSUE deer.

21 (2) A PERSON WHO IS HUNTING A DEER DURING A DEER SEASON AND  
22 WHO HAS KILLED, WOUNDED, OR INJURED THE DEER, OR REASONABLY BELIEVES  
23 THAT THE PERSON HAS KILLED, WOUNDED, OR INJURED THE DEER, MAY USE ONE  
24 LEASHED DOG FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRACKING AND RECOVERING THE DEER.

25 (3) (I) In [all counties, except] Baltimore, Harford, Howard,  
26 Montgomery, Prince George's, Somerset, and Worcester Counties, A PERSON MAY NOT  
27 KILL A DOG FOUND PURSUING A DEER.

1                   (II)       IN ALL OTHER COUNTIES, any Natural Resources police officer,  
2 law enforcement officer, or any other person may kill any dog found pursuing any  
3 [deer] DEER, EXCEPT A LEASHED DOG USED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
4 SUBSECTION.

5                   (III)       In Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, Kent, Anne Arundel, Cecil,  
6 Charles, Garrett, St. Mary's, Queen Anne's, Frederick, Carroll, and Calvert Counties,  
7 dogs that are engaged in fox hunting and who have broken away may not be killed  
8 under this [subsection] PARAGRAPH.

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