
By: **Delegate Schisler**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting - Recovery of Killed, Wounded, or Injured Deer - Use of ~~Trailing~~**
3 **Dog Dogs**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~allowing a person hunting deer in a deer season to use a leashed~~
5 ~~dog to track and recover the deer under certain circumstances~~ requiring the
6 Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations governing the use of dogs
7 to aid in the prompt recovery of killed, wounded, or injured deer; making
8 stylistic changes; clarifying the application of a provision allowing certain dogs
9 pursuing deer to be killed; and generally relating to ~~deer hunting and~~ the use of
10 dogs to aid in the recovery of killed, wounded, or injured deer.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Natural Resources
13 Section 10-416(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Natural Resources**

19 10-416.

20 (b) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE
21 DEPARTMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A person may not:

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

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

4 ~~(2) A PERSON WHO IS HUNTING A DEER DURING A DEER SEASON AND~~
5 ~~WHO HAS KILLED, WOUNDED, OR INJURED THE DEER, OR REASONABLY BELIEVES~~
6 ~~THAT THE PERSON HAS KILLED, WOUNDED, OR INJURED THE DEER, MAY USE ONE~~
7 ~~LEASHED DOG FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRACKING AND RECOVERING THE DEER.~~

8 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
9 USE OF DOGS TO AID IN THE PROMPT RECOVERY OF KILLED, WOUNDED, OR INJURED
10 DEER.

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

14 (II) IN ALL OTHER COUNTIES, any Natural Resources police officer,
15 law enforcement officer, or any other person may kill any dog found pursuing any
16 [deer] DEER, EXCEPT ~~A LEASHED DOG USED~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS
17 ADOPTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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

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