
By: **Delegates Cadden and Owings**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Arundel County - Noise Control - Sports Shooting Clubs**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain exception so as to make applicable to Anne
4 Arundel County a certain prohibition against a political subdivision adopting
5 certain noise control ordinances that prohibit certain activities by certain sports
6 shooting clubs; repealing a certain exception so as to make applicable to Anne
7 Arundel County a certain prohibition against the Department of the
8 Environment adopting certain noise control regulations that prohibit certain
9 activities by certain sports shooting clubs; and generally relating to noise control
10 and sports shooting clubs in Anne Arundel County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Environment
13 Section 3-105(a) and 3-401(c)(5)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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18 Section 3-401(a)
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21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article - Environment**

24 3-105.

25 (a) (1) Except as provided in this section, this title does not limit the power
26 of a political subdivision to adopt noise control ordinances, rules, or regulations.

1 (2) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control ordinance,
2 rule, or regulation that is less stringent than the environmental noise standards,
3 sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title.

4 (3) (i) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control
5 ordinance, rule, or regulation, including the environmental noise standards, sound
6 level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title, that
7 prohibits trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other target shooting between the hours of 9
8 a.m. and 10 p.m. by a shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of
9 July 1, 1983. However, this prohibition does not apply if the sports shooting club
10 moves to a parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1,
11 1983.

12 (ii) This paragraph does not apply in Allegany, [Anne Arundel,]
13 Baltimore City, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's, and
14 Washington counties.

15 3-401.

16 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Department shall adopt
17 environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and
18 regulations as necessary to protect the public health, the general welfare, and
19 property.

20 (c) (5) (i) The sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations
21 adopted under this subsection may not prohibit trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other
22 target shooting between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. on any range or other
23 property of a shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of July 1, 1983.
24 However, this prohibition does not apply if the sports shooting club moves to a parcel
25 of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1, 1983.

26 (ii) This paragraph does not apply in Allegany, [Anne Arundel,]
27 Baltimore City, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's, and
28 Washington Counties.

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