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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne 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(e)(5)~~  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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17 Article - Environment  
18 Section 3-401(a) ~~and (c)(5)~~  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Environment**

2 3-105.

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

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

8 (3) (i) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control  
9 ordinance, rule, or regulation, including the environmental noise standards, sound  
10 level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title, that  
11 prohibits trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other target shooting between the hours of 9  
12 a.m. and 10 p.m. by a shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of  
13 July 1, 1983. However, this prohibition does not apply if the sports shooting club  
14 moves to a parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1,  
15 1983.

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

19 3-401.

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

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

30 (ii) This paragraph does not apply in Allegany, {Anne Arundel,}  
31 Baltimore City, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's, and  
32 Washington Counties.

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

