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By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Hunting Deer - Use of Dogs**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a person hunting deer to use leashed trailing dogs in  
4 certain circumstances; preventing certain police officers from killing leashed  
5 trailing dogs in certain counties; defining certain terms; and generally relating  
6 to the use of dogs when hunting deer.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - Natural Resources  
9 Section 10-416(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Natural Resources  
14 Section 10-416(b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Natural Resources**

20 10-416.

21 (a) (1) A person may not hunt deer in the State with any automatic firearm.  
22 In this subsection, an automatic firearm means a firearm designed to fire, or which is  
23 mechanically altered to fire, 2 or more shots with 1 continuous pressure on the  
24 trigger.

25 (2) A person may not use full metal-jacketed, incendiary, or tracer  
26 bullets in hunting deer in the State. However, the use of metal-jacketed bullets  
27 designed to expand on impact is not prohibited.

1 (3) A person may not hunt deer with any firearm that uses an  
2 ammunition clip holding more than 8 cartridges or bullets. In this paragraph,  
3 "ammunition clip" includes a cartridge or bullet holder called a banana clip.

4 (b) (1) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "LEASHED TRAILING DOG"  
5 MEANS A DOG THAT HAS BEEN TRAINED TO FIND DEER THAT HAVE BEEN WOUNDED  
6 BY THE HUNTER.

7 (2) (I) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3), OF THIS  
8 SUBSECTION, A person may not take a dog into the woods or possess or control a dog  
9 in the woods and use the dog to hunt deer.

10 (II) [In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,  
11 IN all counties, except Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's,  
12 Somerset, and Worcester Counties, any Natural Resources police officer, law  
13 enforcement officer, or any other person may kill [any] A dog found pursuing [any]  
14 A deer.

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

19 (IV) IN ALL COUNTIES, A NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICER,  
20 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR ANY OTHER PERSON MAY NOT KILL A LEASHED  
21 TRAILING DOG PURSUING A DEER WOUNDED BY THE HUNTER.

22 (3) A HUNTER MAY TAKE A LEASHED TRAILING DOG INTO THE WOODS  
23 OR POSSESS OR CONTROL A LEASHED TRAILING DOG IN THE WOODS AND USE THE  
24 LEASHED TRAILING DOG TO RECOVER A DEER WOUNDED BY THE HUNTER.

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