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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of ~~allowing a person hunting deer to use leashed trailing dogs in~~
5 ~~certain circumstances; preventing certain police officers from killing leashed~~
6 ~~trailing dogs in certain counties; defining certain terms; requiring the~~
7 Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations governing the use of dogs
8 to aid in the prompt recovery of killed, wounded, or injured deer; repealing
9 certain provisions relating to the killing of dogs found pursuing deer or engaged
10 in fox hunting; and generally relating to the use of dogs when hunting deer to
11 aid in the recovery of killed, wounded, or injured deer.

12 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
13 ~~Article - Natural Resources~~
14 ~~Section 10-416(a)~~
15 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
16 ~~(1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)~~

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Natural Resources
19 Section 10-416(b)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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Article - Natural Resources

2 ~~10-416.~~

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

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

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

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

16 (2) (4) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE
 17 DEPARTMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (3), (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A person may not
 18 take;

19 (I) TAKE a dog into the woods or possess or control a dog in the
 20 woods; and use

21 (II) USE the dog to hunt OR PURSUE deer.

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

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

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

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

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

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