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By: **Delegate Taylor**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sound Level Limits and Noise Control - Shooting Sports Clubs**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ altering a limitation on a certain exemption from  
4 certain sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations to make the  
5 exemption apply to certain sports shooting clubs ~~established~~ chartered and in  
6 operation after a certain date.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Environment  
9 Section 3-105(a)(3) and 3-401(c)(5)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Environment**

15 3-105.

16 (3) (i) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control  
17 ordinance, rule, or regulation, including the environmental noise standards, sound  
18 level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title, that  
19 prohibits trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other target shooting between the hours of 9  
20 a.m. and 10 p.m. by a shooting sports club ~~†~~ that is chartered and in operation as of  
21 ~~July 1, 1983. However, this prohibition does not apply if the sports shooting club~~

1 moves to a parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1,  
2 ~~1983~~ JANUARY 1, 2001.

3 (ii) This paragraph does not apply in Allegany, Baltimore City,  
4 Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's, and Washington  
5 counties.

6 3-401.

7 (c) (5) (i) The sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations  
8 adopted under this subsection may not prohibit trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other  
9 target shooting between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. on any range or other  
10 property of a shooting sports club ~~that is chartered and in operation as of July 1,~~  
11 ~~1983. However, this prohibition does not apply if the sports shooting club moves to a~~  
12 ~~parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1, 1983~~  
13 JANUARY 1, 2001.

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

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2001.