
By: **Senators Jimeno, Miller, Collins, DeGrange, and Middleton**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

13 **Article - Environment**

14 3-105.

15 (3) (i) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control
16 ordinance, rule, or regulation, including the environmental noise standards, sound
17 level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title, that
18 prohibits trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other target shooting between the hours of 9
19 a.m. and 10 p.m. by a shooting sports club [that is chartered and in operation as of
20 July 1, 1983. However, this prohibition does not apply if the sports shooting club
21 moves to a parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1,
22 1983].

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

26 3-401.

27 (c) (5) (i) The sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations
28 adopted under this subsection may not prohibit trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other

1 target shooting between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. on any range or other
2 property of a shooting sports club [that is chartered and in operation as of July 1,
3 1983. However, this prohibition does not apply if the sports shooting club moves to a
4 parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1, 1983].

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

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