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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Deer Hunting - Length of Season and Bag Limits in Management Regions**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain number of days for the deer firearms  
4 season; requiring that certain deer management regions established by the  
5 Department of Natural Resources have a certain bag limit for antlerless deer  
6 during a certain season; prohibiting the Department from imposing a bag limit  
7 for antlerless deer during a certain season in a certain deer management region;  
8 and generally relating to the length of a certain deer hunting season and certain  
9 bag limits in certain deer management regions.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Natural Resources  
12 Section 10-415(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article - Natural Resources  
17 Section 10-415(j)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Natural Resources**

23 10-415.

24 (a) (1) There are the following 3 seasons to hunt deer:

25 [(1)] (I) Deer bow hunting season;

26 [(2)] (II) Deer firearms season; and

1            [(3)]    (III)    Deer muzzle loader season.

2            (2)       THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON SHALL BE 21 DAYS.

3        (J)    (1)    (I)       IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
4 MEANINGS INDICATED.

5                    (II)       "DEER MANAGEMENT REGION B", AS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
6 DEPARTMENT THROUGH REGULATION, INCLUDES:

7                            1.        CARROLL COUNTY;

8                            2.        THAT PORTION OF FREDERICK COUNTY THAT IS NORTH  
9 OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 70 AND WEST OF US ROUTE 15; AND

10                          3.        THAT PART OF WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT IS EAST OF A  
11 LINE BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 494, ALSO KNOWN AS  
12 PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 75, AND THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE LINE, SOUTH ON ROUTE  
13 494 TO ROUTE 57, SOUTH ON ROUTE 57 TO ROUTE 40 AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WEST ON  
14 ROUTE 40 TO THE JUNCTION OF BIG SPRING ROAD AND ROUTE 40 IN CLEAR SPRING,  
15 SOUTH ON BIG SPRING ROAD TO THE JUNCTION OF ROUTE 56 AT BIG SPRING,  
16 FOLLOWING ROUTE 56 WEST TO THE JUNCTION WITH CHARLES MILL ROAD, AND  
17 THEN SOUTH ON CHARLES MILL ROAD TO THE POTOMAC RIVER.

18                          (III)       "DEER MANAGEMENT REGION C", AS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
19 DEPARTMENT THROUGH REGULATION, INCLUDES:

20                            1.        ANNE ARUNDEL, BALTIMORE, HOWARD, MONTGOMERY,  
21 AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES;

22                            2.        THAT PORTION OF FREDERICK COUNTY THAT IS SOUTH  
23 OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 70 AND EAST OF US ROUTE 15; AND

24                            3.        BALTIMORE CITY.

25            (2)       IN REGION B, FOR ANTLERLESS DEER:

26                          (I)        THE MUZZLE LOADER BAG LIMIT SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE  
27 MUZZLE LOADER BAG LIMIT IN REGION C; AND

28                          (II)       THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT IMPOSE A BAG LIMIT FOR THE  
29 BOW HUNTING SEASON.

30        SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2002.