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-- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters --

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Hunting Licenses and Stamps**

3 FOR the purpose of eliminating certain hunting licenses and stamps; altering certain  
4 hunting licenses and stamps; creating a Maryland migratory game bird stamp;  
5 altering the fees for certain hunting stamps and licenses; altering the fees paid  
6 to license agents for selling hunting licenses and stamps; providing that a  
7 portion of the funds from the sale of certain licenses be used for processing deer  
8 for the needy; repealing certain licensing exemptions for certain persons;  
9 requiring that the proceeds from the sale of certain stamps be used for certain  
10 purposes; altering the duties of a certain advisory committee; defining a certain  
11 term; specifying a certain legislative intent for a certain use of certain revenues;  
12 requiring the Department to report certain information at a certain time;  
13 providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to hunting  
14 licenses and stamps.

15 BY renumbering

16 Article - Natural Resources

1 Section 10-101(l) through (bb), respectively  
 2 to be Section 10-101(m) through (cc), respectively  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 6 Article - Natural Resources  
 7 Section 10-101(a), 10-301(a), (c), (d), (e), (h), and 10-415(a) and (b)  
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 9 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

10 BY adding to  
 11 Article - Natural Resources  
 12 Section 10-101(l)  
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 16 Article - Natural Resources  
 17 Section 10-301(b), (f), and (g), 10-301.2, 10-302, 10-305, 10-308, 10-308.1,  
 18 10-308.2, and 10-415(c) ~~and (d)~~  
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 20 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

21 BY repealing  
 22 Article - Natural Resources  
 23 Section 4-215(d)  
 24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 25 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 27 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 10-101(l) through (bb), respectively, of Article - Natural  
 28 Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)  
 29 10-101(m) through (cc), respectively.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
 31 read as follows:

32 **Article - Natural Resources**

33 10-101.

34 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

35 (L) "MIGRATORY GAME BIRD" MEANS ANY WETLAND GAME BIRD, DOVE, OR  
 36 WOODCOCK OR ANY PART, EGG, OFFSPRING, OR DEAD BODY OF ANY OF THEM.

1 10-301.

2 (a) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife,  
3 and preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or  
4 attempt to hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and  
5 mammals in the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident  
6 hunter's license. A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and  
7 mammals in Baltimore County or Frederick County without first obtaining a license.  
8 A permanent resident of a government reservation may obtain a resident hunter's  
9 license.

10 (b) (1) The following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license OR  
11 BONUS ANTLERED DEER STAMP:

12 (i) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

13 1. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
14 owner of the farmland and the owner's spouse, children, and children's spouse; and

15 2. A tenant and the tenant's spouse, children, and, if residing  
16 on the farmland, children's spouse. A tenant is a person holding land under a lease, or  
17 a sharecropper who resides in a dwelling on the land, but a tenant does not include  
18 any employee of the owner or tenant;

19 (ii) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States  
20 while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting, the  
21 resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order; and

22 (iii) Any unarmed person participating in an organized foxhunt.

23 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1)(i)1 of this subsection do not apply to  
24 a nonresident owner of farmland.

25 (c) A person may apply for a hunter's license to any person designated by the  
26 Department. The application shall be on a form the Department prepares and  
27 supplies. The applicant shall fill out, sign, and submit the application to the person  
28 designated to issue the hunter's license. A person may apply by mail.

29 (d) The application shall contain the applicant's name, height, color of eyes  
30 and hair, occupation, place of residence, and Social Security number. If the applicant  
31 is a nonresident, the applicant also shall present the applicant's driver's license,  
32 voter's card, or resident hunter's license.

33 (e) Before a hunting license may be issued the applicant for the license shall  
34 sign a statement which says:

35 "I understand that this hunting license does not of itself permit me to hunt on  
36 private property, and if I do so without permission of the owner, I may be subject to a  
37 fine."

1 (f) (1) There shall be the following types of hunting licenses in the State:

2 (i) A resident [consolidated] hunting license that enables the  
 3 purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season  
 4 in Maryland without the purchase of additional stamps, ~~except that to~~ UNLESS THE  
 5 PURCHASER IS HUNTING MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS OR DEER DURING BOW AND  
 6 ARROW SEASON OR BLACK POWDER SEASON. TO hunt [wild waterfowl] MIGRATORY  
 7 GAME BIRDS the purchaser must also buy a Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl]  
 8 GAME BIRD stamp and TO HUNT WILD WATERFOWL THE PURCHASER MUST ~~ALSO~~  
 9 BUY BOTH A MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD STAMP AND a federal migratory bird  
 10 hunting and conservation stamp. TO HUNT DEER DURING BOW AND ARROW SEASON  
 11 AND BLACK POWDER SEASON THE PURCHASER MUST ALSO PURCHASE A BOW AND  
 12 ARROW OR BLACK POWDER STAMP.

13 (ii) [A resident basic hunting license that enables the purchaser to  
 14 hunt all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season without the  
 15 purchase of additional stamps unless the purchaser is hunting deer or wild waterfowl.  
 16 This license enables the purchaser to hunt deer only with the purchase of the  
 17 appropriate deer stamps and to hunt wild waterfowl only with the purchase of a  
 18 Maryland migratory wild waterfowl stamp and a federal migratory bird hunting and  
 19 conservation stamp.

20 (iii) A nonresident [basic] hunting license that enables the  
 21 purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season  
 22 without the purchase of additional stamps unless the purchaser is hunting [wild  
 23 waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS or deer during bow and arrow season or black  
 24 powder season. ~~MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.~~ This license enables the purchaser to hunt  
 25 [wild waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS only with the purchase of a Maryland  
 26 migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp and TO HUNT WILD WATERFOWL  
 27 ONLY WITH THE PURCHASE OF BOTH A MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD STAMP  
 28 AND a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. ~~{This license enables~~  
 29 ~~the purchaser to hunt deer during bow and arrow season and black powder season~~  
 30 ~~only with the purchase of the appropriate deer~~ A NONRESIDENT BOW AND ARROW OR  
 31 BLACK POWDER stamp. ~~}~~

32 [(iv)] (III) A nonresident 3-day hunting license that enables the  
 33 purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals ~~{except deer and turkey}~~ for the  
 34 3 consecutive legal hunting days in a single season that are specified on the license by  
 35 the issuing agent. The purchaser must also purchase a Maryland migratory [wild  
 36 waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp TO HUNT MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS and a federal  
 37 migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp to hunt wild waterfowl with this  
 38 license. ~~{Under no circumstance does this license authorize the purchaser to hunt~~  
 39 ~~deer and turkey.}~~

40 (2) [Residents may purchase a senior consolidated license beginning in  
 41 the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65, which shall be valid for the  
 42 remainder of the purchaser's life.

1 (3) Residents may purchase a senior [consolidated annual] HUNTING  
2 license beginning in the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65.

3 [(4)] (3) A nonresident of any age must purchase either a nonresident  
4 [basic] hunting license or a nonresident 3-day hunting license to hunt in the State.

5 [(5)] (4) The fees for hunting licenses are according to the following  
6 schedule:

7 (i) Resident, JUNIOR, under the age of 16 years[:].~~....\$18.00~~ \$10.50

8 [1. Basic hunting license ..... \$ 6.50

9 2. Consolidated hunting license ..... \$15.50]

10 (ii) Resident, REGULAR, at least 16 years old and under the age of  
11 65 years[:].~~.....\$36.00~~ \$24.50

12 [1. Basic hunting license ..... \$15.50

13 2. Consolidated hunting license..... \$24.50]

14 (iii) [1. Senior consolidated annual license for residents]  
15 RESIDENT, SENIOR, at least 65 years old ..... [\$1.25] \$5.00

16 [2. Senior consolidated lifetime license for residents at least  
17 65 years old..... \$12.50]

18 (iv) ~~{~~Except as provided in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph,  
19 nonresident basic ~~NONRESIDENT~~.....~~[\$120.50]~~ ~~\$140.00~~ \$130.00

20 (v) ~~{~~Nonresident basic hunting license ~~[~~for residents of Delaware,  
21 Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia..... \$83.00

22 or a fee equal to the fee charged by the nonresident's home state for a similar basic  
23 hunting license, whichever fee is greater 1. THE GREATER OF THE FEE CHARGED BY  
24 THE NONRESIDENT'S HOME STATE FOR A SIMILAR BASIC HUNTING LICENSE OR THE  
25 FEE APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING STATES:

26 1. DELAWARE..... \$86.00

27 2. PENNSYLVANIA..... \$101.00

28 3. VIRGINIA..... \$120.00

29 4. WEST VIRGINIA..... \$135.00.

30 (vi)~~}~~ Complimentary license authorized to be issued under § 10-303  
31 of this subtitle .....No fee

32 ~~{(vii)}~~ ~~(VI)~~ Nonresident 3-day ~~{~~hunting license~~}~~~~[\$35.00]~~ ~~\$75.00~~  
33 45.00

1            [(6)]    (5)    The fees for individual hunting stamps are according to the  
2 following schedule:

3                            (i)    [Deer stamp..... \$9.50

4                            (ii)]   Bow and arrow stamp.....~~\$3.50~~ \$6.00

5                            (II)    NONRESIDENT BOW AND ARROW STAMP..... \$25.00

6                            (iii)    Black powder stamp.....~~\$3.50~~ \$6.00

7                            (IV)    NONRESIDENT BLACK POWDER STAMP..... \$25.00

8                            [(iv)]    (V)    Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD  
9 stamp..... [~~\$6.00~~] \$9.00

10                            [(v)]    ~~(H)~~    (VI)    ~~[Resident RESIDENT bonus]~~ BONUS ANTLERED deer  
11 stamp [for each type of deer hunting season]..... [~~\$5.00~~] \$10.00

12                            ~~(vi)~~    (VII)    Nonresident bonus ANTLERED deer stamp for each type of  
13 deer hunting season..... ~~\$25~~

14    (g)    The person designated to sell the hunting licenses and individual hunting  
15 stamps shall issue the hunting licenses and individual hunting stamps and collect the  
16 fee prescribed in subsection (f) of this section. A hunting license may not be issued to  
17 any person under the age of 16 years without the written consent of the person's  
18 parent or guardian. The Department shall furnish the hunting licenses and  
19 individual hunting stamps to the designated person. The issuing person shall  
20 countersign the license, and retain the duplicate copy of the license. The duplicate  
21 copies and money collected every month shall be mailed to the Department on the  
22 first day of the succeeding month each year. The designated person who sells and  
23 issues the hunting licenses and individual hunting stamps shall retain as  
24 compensation [50] 75 cents for each RESIDENT senior [consolidated annual]  
25 HUNTING [license, senior consolidated lifetime license, resident and nonresident  
26 basic, or nonresident 3-day hunting license,] LICENSE and individual hunting stamp  
27 sold and issued and shall retain as compensation [~~\$1~~] \$1.50 for each [consolidated]  
28 RESIDENT JUNIOR, RESIDENT REGULAR, NONRESIDENT hunting license AND  
29 NONRESIDENT 3-DAY LICENSE sold and issued[, except a senior consolidated annual  
30 license and a senior consolidated lifetime license].

31    (h)    A hunting license shall be valid for the period August 1 through July 31, of  
32 each year.

33 10-301.2.

34    (a)    There is a patron's hunting license.

35    (b)    The Department shall issue on a yearly basis a patron's hunting license to  
36 any person who:

1 (1) Applies to the Department on a form provided by the Department;  
2 and

3 (2) Pays \$500.

4 (c) The holder of a patron's hunting license may hunt any game birds or  
5 mammals during any open season and in any manner permitted in the State without  
6 obtaining any other license OR STAMP, except the federal [and Maryland] migratory  
7 wild waterfowl [stamps] STAMP AND THE MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD  
8 STAMP.

9 10-302.

10 (a) Any person engaged in a retail business who desires to sell THE resident  
11 HUNTING LICENSE, [or] EITHER nonresident [basic] hunting [licenses, consolidated  
12 hunting licenses, nonresident 3-day hunting licenses,] LICENSE or individual  
13 hunting stamps as an agent under the Department's control and supervision shall  
14 apply to the Department on forms prepared and prescribed by the Department. The  
15 Department may furnish resident and nonresident [basic] hunting [licenses,  
16 consolidated hunting licenses, nonresident 3-day hunting licenses,] LICENSES OF  
17 ANY TYPE and individual hunting stamps on consignment to any agent who provides  
18 a bond or other security deemed sufficient and adequate by the Department to insure  
19 payment for the resident and nonresident [basic] hunting [licenses, consolidated  
20 hunting licenses, nonresident 3-day hunting licenses,] LICENSES OF ANY TYPE and  
21 individual hunting stamps.

22 (b) (1) The agent shall fill out every license and duplicate license in a legible  
23 and proper manner.

24 (2) [The agent shall date and affix any deer, bow and arrow, or black  
25 powder stamp purchased on a basic hunting license in accordance with § 10-308 of  
26 this subtitle.

27 (3)] The agent shall submit any necessary report of sale together with the  
28 duplicate license after the first day of each month as long as the agent sells these  
29 licenses in accordance with § 10-301 of this subtitle. The report and duplicate licenses  
30 shall reach the Department by the seventh day of each succeeding month.

31 [(4)] (3) The Department shall reimburse any agent not operating on  
32 consignment the sum paid for unissued resident and nonresident [basic] hunting  
33 licenses OF ANY TYPE [consolidated hunting licenses, nonresident 3-day hunting  
34 licenses,] and individual hunting stamps provided they are returned intact, and still  
35 attached in the issuing books by June 30 of each year, and have been checked and  
36 found to be correct by the Department. Every hunting license and individual hunting  
37 stamp not returned by June 30 shall be deemed sold and not reimbursable unless  
38 accompanied by a statement under oath stating why the hunting license or individual  
39 hunting stamp is returned late. The Department, after review, may reimburse the  
40 agent.

1 (c) A designated person may not make any false statement concerning any  
2 date of issuance or other resident or nonresident [basic] hunting license OF ANY  
3 TYPE [consolidated hunting license, nonresident 3-day hunting license,] or  
4 individual hunting stamp data. Every hunting license book, duplicate individual  
5 hunting license, or individual hunting stamp shall be available for any law  
6 enforcement officer to inspect at any time during the regular business day. An agent  
7 may not issue any hunting license or individual hunting stamp without receiving the  
8 fees required by law. A receipt may not be issued in lieu of a hunting license or  
9 individual hunting stamp.

10 (d) In addition to any other penalty provided for by the provisions of this title,  
11 any agent convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall have the agent's  
12 hunting license and individual hunting stamp issuing privilege rescinded.

13 10-305.

14 If any person loses the person's hunter's license, the person may make affidavit  
15 stating the date the license was issued, its number, description, and the name of the  
16 designated person who issued the license. Upon receipt of this information the  
17 Department may issue a duplicate hunting license for a [\$1] ~~\$10~~ \$5 fee.

18 10-308.

19 (a) [(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, in  
20 addition to the basic hunting license, a person hunting deer in the State first shall  
21 obtain the appropriate individual hunting stamp.

22 (2) A resident may hunt deer in the State during each season with a  
23 consolidated hunting license.

24 (3) A nonresident may hunt deer in the State during regular firearms  
25 season with a nonresident basic hunting license.

26 (b) (1) A hunting license or other individual hunting stamp is not required of  
27 the following:

28 (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
29 owner or tenant of farmland, the owner's or tenant's spouse and children, or the  
30 spouse of any child who resides on the farmland. A tenant is a person holding land  
31 under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides in a dwelling on the land, but a tenant  
32 does not include any employee of the owner or tenant;

33 (ii) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States  
34 while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting, the  
35 resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order.

36 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection do not apply to a  
37 nonresident owner of farmland.

1 (c) A resident with a basic hunting license shall obtain a deer stamp for a fee  
 2 as provided in § 10-301(f)(6) of this subtitle. A resident or nonresident with a basic  
 3 hunting license hunting deer during the bow hunting season shall obtain a special  
 4 bow hunting deer stamp for a fee as provided in § 10-301(f)(6) of this subtitle. A  
 5 resident or nonresident with a basic hunting license hunting deer with a muzzle  
 6 loader during the muzzle loader deer season shall obtain a special black powder deer  
 7 stamp for a fee as provided in § 10-301(f)(6) of this subtitle.

8 (d) (1) A person may obtain the consolidated hunting license, the resident  
 9 and nonresident basic license, and individual hunting stamp from any person  
 10 designated by the Department.

11 (2) The issuing person designated shall retain the sum of 50 cents as  
 12 compensation for issuing each resident and nonresident basic hunting license and an  
 13 individual hunting stamp and \$1 as compensation for issuing each consolidated  
 14 hunting license. The balance of the fee is paid over and accounted for in the same  
 15 manner as hunting licenses.

16 (3) The Department shall use \$1 from the sale of each [consolidated]  
 17 RESIDENT REGULAR AND FULL SEASON NONRESIDENT hunting license [and, except  
 18 for the fee retained by the issuing person, all of the money derived from the sale of  
 19 bow and arrow and black powder stamps] as follows:

20 [(i)] (1) Up to 40 percent to:

21 [1.] (I) Provide bow hunter education;

22 [2.] (II) Acquire, construct, and maintain public archery  
 23 ranges; or

24 [3.] (III) Perform any study necessary to evaluate any  
 25 program or project related to bow or muzzle loader hunting; and

26 [(ii)] (2) The remaining percentage to:

27 [1.] (I) Establish an effective and efficient deer checking  
 28 system during the muzzle loader and bow hunting deer season;

29 [2.] (II) Acquire additional hunter access during the muzzle  
 30 loader and bow hunting season by:

31 [A.] 1. The opening of additional State-owned lands to  
 32 muzzle loader and bow hunting;

33 [B.] 2. The purchase of rights-of-way or access roads to  
 34 reach areas not open to muzzle loader and bow hunting;

35 [C.] 3. The acquisition of additional lands for muzzle loader  
 36 and bow hunting; and

1 [D.] 4. The administration of a permit system applicable to  
2 newly opened areas; and

3 [3.] (III) Police hunting lands during the muzzle loader and  
4 bow hunting season and provide additional law enforcement personnel as necessary  
5 to accomplish additional hunter access under item [2] (II) of this [subparagraph]  
6 ITEM.

7 [(e) The designated person shall write or stamp the date of issuance on the face  
8 of every consolidated hunting license, resident and nonresident basic hunting license,  
9 and individual hunting stamp issued under this section. Each individual hunting  
10 stamp shall be affixed in the manner that the Department provides. The recipient  
11 shall sign the consolidated hunting license or resident or nonresident basic hunting  
12 license in ink.]

13 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE \$1.00 FROM THE SALE OF EACH RESIDENT  
14 REGULAR AND FULL SEASON NONRESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE TO PROVIDE  
15 FUNDING FOR THE PROCESSING OF DEER FOR DONATION TO THE NEEDY.

16 10-308.1.

17 (a) In addition to [the consolidated hunting license, nonresident 3-day  
18 hunting license, or resident or nonresident basic hunting license] ANY OTHER  
19 REQUIREMENT, a person hunting [wild waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in the  
20 State first shall obtain a Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp.

21 (b) [(1) A Maryland migratory wild waterfowl stamp is not required of the  
22 following:

23 (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
24 owner or tenant of farmland, the owner's or tenant's spouse and children, or the  
25 spouse of any child who resides on the farmland, when hunting on that farmland. A  
26 tenant is a person holding land under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides in a  
27 dwelling on the land, but not an employee of the owner or tenant;

28 (ii) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States  
29 while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting, the  
30 resident possesses a copy of the resident's leave order; and

31 (iii) Any State resident over the age of 64 years.

32 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection do not apply to a  
33 nonresident owner of farmland.

34 (c) The Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp shall be:

35 (1) 2 inches in length and 1 3/8 inches in width, or of another size  
36 consistent with similar stamps issued by nearby states;

1 (2) Printed on white, dry-gummed 50-pound English finish paper, or on  
2 paper of similar quality; and

3 (3) Perforated on all sides, with an attached tab.

4 [(d)] (C) (1) A person may obtain a Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl]  
5 GAME BIRD stamp for a fee of [\$6] \$9.00 from any person designated by the  
6 Department. The issuing person designated shall retain the sum of [10] 75 cents as  
7 compensation for issuing each stamp. The balance of the fee is paid over and  
8 accounted for to the State Treasurer. The Treasurer shall credit all such fees received  
9 to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund, in accordance with § 10-209  
10 of this title.

11 (2) The Department may sell expired stamps below face value to the  
12 general public for a period of 3 years, after which time the Department shall shred  
13 any unsold expired stamps. All revenues derived from the sale of these stamps shall  
14 revert back to the Game Management Fund.

15 [(e)] (D) The Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp shall  
16 be affixed to the [consolidated hunting license, nonresident 3-day hunting license,  
17 or] resident [and] OR nonresident [basic] hunting LICENSE, OF ANY TYPE, of the  
18 person to whom the stamp is issued OR IF THE PERSON IS ENTITLED TO HUNT  
19 WITHOUT A LICENSE, CARRIED ON THE PERSON. The recipient shall sign the stamp in  
20 ink.

21 [(f)] (E) (1) All revenues accruing to the Wildlife Management and  
22 Protection Fund from sales of the migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamps  
23 shall be expended solely for the following purposes:

24 (i) [Waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD projects included in an  
25 approved State program to create, develop, enhance, maintain, and manage nesting  
26 cover, winter foods, and other habitat components on public lands to satisfy the  
27 habitat requirements of a broad range of wintering [waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME  
28 BIRDS and native [waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD species; [and]

29 (ii) MIGRATORY GAME BIRD RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT, AND  
30 SURVEYS; AND

31 (III) Not more than 30% to adopt and implement a program to  
32 control the species Phragmites communis (phragmites) on private lands.

33 (2) To encourage waterfowl habitat conservation on private lands, the  
34 Department shall implement a 10-year licensing agreement for approved projects on  
35 privately owned lands detailing the landowner's responsibilities. Expenditures by  
36 private landowners on private land for these waterfowl projects approved by the  
37 Department and covered by the licensing agreement shall be considered a  
38 contribution to the State.

39 (3) The Governor shall appoint a Migratory [Waterfowl] GAME BIRD  
40 Advisory Committee of 9 members who have a practical knowledge of [waterfowl]

1 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD habitat conservation, [waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD  
2 ecology, [waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD management, or [waterfowl]  
3 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD hunting.

4 (4) The Committee shall advise the Department on:

5 (i) Matters relating to expenditures of funds derived from the sale  
6 of [State] MARYLAND migratory [waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamps;

7 (ii) [Recommendations to the Migratory Waterfowl Advisory  
8 Committee on matters relating to policy,] POLICY, regulations, and legislation  
9 RELATED TO MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS; and

10 (iii) [Waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD habitat conservation  
11 projects.

12 10-308.2.

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a nonresident may hunt snow geese  
14 in this State without a resident or nonresident Maryland hunting license if:

15 (1) The nonresident possesses a valid [consolidated or similar] hunting  
16 license from the nonresident's home state;

17 (2) The nonresident purchases a Maryland migratory [waterfowl] GAME  
18 BIRD stamp; and

19 (3) The nonresident's home state allows a Maryland resident to hunt  
20 snow geese without a nonresident hunting license from the home state in accordance  
21 with the following conditions:

22 (i) The Maryland resident must possess a valid Maryland  
23 [consolidated] hunting license; and

24 (ii) The Maryland resident must purchase a migratory waterfowl  
25 stamp from the home state.

26 10-415.

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

28 (1) Deer bow hunting season;

29 (2) Deer firearms season; and

30 (3) Deer muzzle loader season.

31 (b) (1) Every person killing a deer shall report with the deer to a designated  
32 checking station within 24 hours after killing the deer.

1 (2) Notwithstanding any requirement of law, if the designated checking  
2 stations are closed in the county where a person kills a deer, a Natural Resources  
3 police officer shall authorize the person to report with the deer to a designated  
4 checking station in another county.

5 (c) (1) Subject to subsection (d)(3) of this section, a person with a  
6 [consolidated] hunting license also may purchase bonus deer stamps from the  
7 Department.

8 (2) A bonus deer stamp allows ~~the~~ A person with the [consolidated]  
9 hunting license to hunt 1 deer for each stamp purchased in any of the following  
10 hunting seasons for deer in the State:

- 11 (i) Deer bow hunting season;  
12 (ii) Deer muzzle loader season; and  
13 (iii) Deer firearms season.

14 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASES A BONUS ANTLERED DEER STAMP  
15 BUT DOES NOT USE IT DURING A PARTICULAR SEASON MAY USE THAT STAMP  
16 DURING ANY SUBSEQUENT SEASON IN THAT HUNTING LICENSE YEAR.

17 (4) [(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the]  
18 THE fee for each bonus ANTLERED deer stamp issued in accordance with this  
19 subsection shall be [\$5.00] \$10.00 [for residents and \$25 for nonresidents] FOR  
20 RESIDENTS AND \$25.00 FOR NONRESIDENTS.

21 [(ii) The fee for each bonus deer stamp issued under this subsection  
22 shall be \$5.00 for an individual hunting deer on a federal facility.]

23 [(4)] (5) The Department may establish by regulation the type and  
24 number of deer stamps issued under this subsection if necessary to control the deer  
25 harvest in various areas of the State.

26 [(d) ~~(1)~~ (1) A person with a basic hunting license and any individual  
27 hunting stamp also may purchase bonus deer stamps for use during any deer hunting  
28 season.

29 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph and  
30 subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the bonus deer stamp allows the person  
31 with the basic license to hunt 1 deer in each hunting season for which the person has  
32 purchased an individual hunting stamp.

33 (ii) An individual who purchases a bonus deer stamp but does not  
34 use it during a particular season may use that stamp during any subsequent season  
35 in that hunting license year.

1                   (3)    (i)}    (1)    The Department may issue a limited number of bonus  
2 antlerless deer stamps for the purpose of regulating the harvest of antlerless deer in  
3 a particular deer management region or zone.

4                               {(ii)}   (2)    The fee to apply for a bonus antlerless deer stamp is \$5 for  
5 residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

6                               {(iii)}   (3)    The fee is nonrefundable if the applicant does not obtain  
7 an antlerless deer stamp. If an individual obtains a bonus antlerless deer stamp, the  
8 application fee for the stamp will be applied to the fee for the stamp and no additional  
9 stamp fee will be required.]

10    SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

11    (1)    it is the intent of the General Assembly that, in accordance with §§ 10-209  
12 and 10-308.1 of the Natural Resources Article, the Department of Natural Resources  
13 utilize special fund revenue generated as a result of the licensing fee increases under  
14 this Act, as appropriate, in order to open to public hunting at least half the total  
15 acreage that is leased for hunting to private individuals on the properties known as the  
16 Chesapeake Forest Lands by the 2005-2006 hunting season; and

17    (2)    the Department shall include in its annual report to the General Assembly  
18 a progress report on the public hunting opportunities provided under paragraph (1) of  
19 this section.

20    SECTION ~~3.~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
21 effect August 1, 2002.