

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 679

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “; requiring” in line 5 down through “Sunday” in line 6 and substitute “under certain circumstances”; strike beginning with “or” in line 8 down through “day” in line 9 and substitute “; repealing certain provisions of law regarding hunting on private property and hunting in certain counties”; in line 9, strike “annually”; in line 10, after “recommendations” insert “on or before a certain date”; in line 11, strike “defining certain terms” and substitute “declaring the intent of the General Assembly”; in line 12, strike “and stylistic changes”; and in line 16, after “10-405(a),” insert “10-410(a),”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 6, strike “§§ 10-410 AND 10-415” and substitute “§ 10-410”; and after line 7, insert:

“10-410.

(a) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph (2)] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

(2) The following persons may hunt the specified game birds and mammals on Sundays:

(i) A person using State certified raptors to hunt game birds or mammals during open season;

(ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to chase foxes; and

(Over)

(iii) Provided that the provisions of § 10-906(b)(3) of this title are met, a person:

1. Using a regulated shooting ground under § 10-906 of this title to hunt the following pen-reared game birds:

A. Pheasants;

B. Bobwhite quail;

C. Chukar partridge;

D. Hungarian partridge;

E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was permitted to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

2. Having the written permission of the owner of the land or other person designated by the owner of the land, if the land is owned or leased by a person other than the person hunting on Sundays; AND

(3) PROVIDED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF § 10-415 OF THIS TITLE ARE MET AND SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS:

(I) DURING BOW HUNTING SEASON IN NOVEMBER; AND

(II) ON THE FIRST AND SECOND SUNDAY OF THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON.

(4) THE SUNDAY DEER HUNTING PROVISIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY:

(I) IN ANNE ARUNDEL, BALTIMORE, HARFORD, HOWARD, MONTGOMERY, AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES;

(II) IN BALTIMORE CITY AND THE CITY OF FREDERICK; AND

(III) IN THAT PORTION OF FREDERICK COUNTY THAT IS LOCATED SOUTH OF INTERSTATE 70 AND EAST OF U.S. ROUTE 15."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 14, inclusive; in line 15, strike "(b) (1)" and substitute "(A)"; in line 17, after "lessee." insert:

"(B)";

and in line 19, after "property." insert:

"(C)".

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 3 through line 32 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 34 through 36, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 1, strike "(B) (1)" and substitute "(a)"; in lines 2, 3, 4, and 20, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 2, 3, 4, 20, and 26, strike "(I)", "(II)", "(III)", "(C)", and "(D)", respectively; strike in their entirety lines 5 through 19, inclusive; and in line 26, strike the first set of brackets.

On page 6, in line 25, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike "(H)".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 6 through

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line 5 on page 7, inclusive.

On page 7, after line 5, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources shall report and make recommendations to the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee on or before December 31, 2005, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

(a) the status of the deer population for each deer management region and, as appropriate, each zone within the region;

(b) the impact and anticipated impact of management strategies on the population of deer in each deer management region of the State;

(c) law enforcement issues; and

(d) citizen response to the increased harvest measures.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that, in addition to the provisions of this Act, the Department of Natural Resources consider implementation of other deer management options already authorized under State law, including extending the deer firearms season and using nonlethal management options where hunting is not allowed or feasible.”;

and in line 6, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.