
By: **Montgomery County Delegation**
 Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2005
 Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County - Deer Management Permits - Hunting Devices**
 3 **MC 517-05**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, in Montgomery County, a deer management permit
 5 issued to a landowner, or the agricultural lessee of a landowner, for economic
 6 loss to commercial agricultural crops to authorize a certain individual to use a
 7 bow, firearm, or muzzle loader at any time regardless of which hunting device is
 8 authorized for the established hunting season; making certain technical
 9 changes; and generally relating to deer management permits in Montgomery
 10 County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 12 Article - Natural Resources
 13 Section 10-206
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
 15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Natural Resources**

19 10-206.

20 (A) (1) The Department may reduce the wildlife population in any county,
 21 election district, or other identifiable area of the State after a thorough investigation
 22 reveals that protected wildlife is seriously injurious to agricultural or other interests
 23 in the affected area.

24 (2) The method of reducing the wildlife population is at the Department's
 25 discretion, except that trapping is preferred whenever feasible.

26 (3) The Department shall dispose of wildlife taken pursuant to the
 27 provisions of this section as the Department deems advisable.

1 (B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

2 (2) A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT THAT IS ISSUED TO A LANDOWNER,
3 OR THE AGRICULTURAL LESSEE OF A LANDOWNER, FOR ECONOMIC LOSS TO
4 COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL CROPS SHALL AUTHORIZE AN INDIVIDUAL HUNTING
5 ON PRIVATE LAND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PERMIT TO USE EITHER A BOW,
6 FIREARM, OR MUZZLE LOADER AT ANY TIME REGARDLESS OF WHICH HUNTING
7 DEVICE IS AUTHORIZED FOR THE ESTABLISHED DEER HUNTING SEASON.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2005.