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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Hunting Wild Waterfowl - Harford and Baltimore**
 3 **Counties**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain distances that a person must be from shore when
 5 hunting wild waterfowl by certain methods in the waters of Harford and
 6 Baltimore counties; and generally relating to hunting wild waterfowl in the
 7 waters of Harford and Baltimore counties.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 9 Article - Natural Resources
 10 Section 10-604 through 10-606
 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
 12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 10-604.

17 (a) A person may hunt wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural
 18 bottom only in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats, the nontidal waters of the
 19 Potomac River, and in other waters of the State in areas and on days the Department
 20 prescribes by regulation.

21 (b) A person may hunt wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural
 22 bottom at a licensed offshore stationary blind or blind site.

1 (c) A person hunting wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural
2 bottom shall remain at least 250 yards from all offshore stationary blinds or blind
3 sites or another person hunting wild waterfowl offshore.

4 (d) (1) A person hunting wild waterfowl while standing in water on the
5 natural bottom shall be at least 800 yards from shore including shore emerging at
6 mean low water except in the waters of the Potomac River, in the waters of the
7 Susquehanna Flats, IN THE WATERS OF HARFORD AND BALTIMORE COUNTIES, or
8 while hunting at a licensed stationary blind or blind site.

9 (2) A person hunting wild waterfowl while standing in water on the
10 natural bottom shall be at least 400 yards from shore, including shore emerging at
11 mean low water, in the following areas:

12 (i) The waters of the Susquehanna Flats; [and]

13 (ii) The tidal waters of the Potomac River that the Department by
14 regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a) of this section; AND

15 (III) THE WATERS OF HARFORD AND BALTIMORE COUNTIES THAT
16 THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION PRESCRIBES FOR HUNTING UNDER SUBSECTION
17 (A) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (e) A person may not hunt wild waterfowl while standing in State waters on
19 the natural bottom when the natural bottom is privately owned, unless the hunter
20 has the written permission of the landowner.

21 (f) Except at a licensed stationary blind or blind site, a nonresident may not
22 hunt wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom unless
23 accompanied by a Maryland resident.

24 10-605.

25 (a) A person may hunt wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being
26 sculled, only in:

27 (1) The nontidal waters of the Potomac River, Conococheague Creek, and
28 the Monocacy River;

29 (2) The Susquehanna Flats, Elk River, and that portion of the Sassafra
30 River in Cecil County located west of 75 degrees 58 minutes 45 seconds;

31 (3) Chincoteague Bay, Sinepuxent Bay, Isle of Wight, Assawoman Bay,
32 and their respective tributaries in Worcester County; or

33 (4) Zones prescribed by the Department by regulation.

34 (b) While hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being sculled,
35 a person shall remain at least 250 yards from all offshore stationary blinds or blind
36 sites or another person hunting wild waterfowl offshore.

1 (c) (1) A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being
2 sculled shall be at least 800 yards from shore including shore emerging at mean low
3 water except in the waters of the Potomac River, in the waters of the Susquehanna
4 Flats, IN THE WATERS OF HARFORD AND BALTIMORE COUNTIES, in Conococheague
5 Creek, and in the Monocacy River.

6 (2) A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being
7 sculled shall be at least 400 yards from shore, including shore emerging at mean low
8 water, in the following areas:

9 (i) The waters of the Susquehanna Flats; [and]

10 (ii) The tidal waters of the Potomac River that the Department by
11 regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a)(4) of this section; AND

12 (III) THE WATERS OF HARFORD AND BALTIMORE COUNTIES THAT
13 THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION PRESCRIBES FOR HUNTING UNDER SUBSECTION
14 (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (d) A nonresident may not hunt wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or
16 being sculled unless accompanied by a Maryland resident.

17 10-606.

18 (a) A person may hunt wild waterfowl from a boat that is anchored only in:

19 (1) The nontidal waters of the Potomac River;

20 (2) The waters of the Susquehanna Flats, Elk River, and that portion of
21 the Sassafra River in Cecil County located west of 75 degrees 58 minutes 45 seconds;

22 (3) The waters of Chincoteague Bay, Sinepuxent Bay, Isle of Wight,
23 Assawoman Bay, and their respective tributaries in Worcester County; or

24 (4) Zones prescribed by the Department by regulation.

25 (b) A person may hunt wild waterfowl from a boat that is anchored at a
26 licensed offshore stationary blind or blind site.

27 (c) A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is anchored shall remain
28 250 yards from all offshore stationary blinds or blind sites or another person hunting
29 wild waterfowl offshore.

30 (d) (1) A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is anchored shall
31 be at least 800 yards from shore including shore emerging at mean low water except
32 in the waters of the Potomac River, in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats, IN THE
33 WATERS OF HARFORD AND BALTIMORE COUNTIES, or unless anchored at a licensed
34 offshore stationary blind or blind site.

1 (2) A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is anchored shall
2 be at least 400 yards from shore, including shore emerging at mean low water, in the
3 following areas:

4 (i) The waters of the Susquehanna Flats; [and]

5 (ii) The tidal waters of the Potomac River that the Department by
6 regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a)(4) of this section; AND

7 (III) THE WATERS OF HARFORD AND BALTIMORE COUNTIES THAT
8 THE DEPARTMENT BY REGULATION PRESCRIBES FOR HUNTING UNDER SUBSECTION
9 (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (e) Except at a licensed stationary blind or blind site, a nonresident may not
11 hunt wild waterfowl from a boat that is anchored unless accompanied by a Maryland
12 resident.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2006.