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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Hunting Via an Internet Connection - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from shooting at or killing a bird or animal
4 in the State with a gun or other device operated or accessed via an Internet
5 connection; providing that certain actions are prima facie evidence of a violation
6 of this Act; establishing a certain penalty; requiring the revocation of the
7 hunting privilege or hunting license of a person who is convicted of an offense
8 under this Act; requiring that a person be denied the privilege to hunt for a
9 certain time period if the person is convicted of an offense under this Act; and
10 generally relating to hunting.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Natural Resources
13 Section 10-426
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 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 10-426.

20 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT SHOOT AT OR KILL A BIRD OR ANIMAL IN THE STATE
21 WITH A GUN OR OTHER DEVICE OPERATED OR ACCESSED VIA AN INTERNET
22 CONNECTION.

1 (B) ACCESSING, REGULATING ACCESS TO, OR REGULATING THE CONTROL OF
2 A GUN OR DEVICE CAPABLE OF BEING OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION
3 SHALL BE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENSE UNDER
4 THIS SECTION.

5 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
6 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR
7 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

8 (D) THE HUNTING PRIVILEGE OR HUNTING LICENSE OF A PERSON
9 CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL BE REVOKED, AND THE PERSON
10 SHALL BE DENIED THE PRIVILEGE OF HUNTING IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 2
11 YEARS AND NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS.

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