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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1207 (Harford County Delegation and Baltimore County Delegation)  
Environmental Matters Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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

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This bill decreases the minimum distance, from 800 to 400 yards, that a person hunting wild waterfowl in the waters of Harford and Baltimore counties must be from shore while standing in water on the natural bottom, from a boat that is drifting or being sculled, or from a boat that is anchored.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's changes could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not directly affect local operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** By regulation, the Department of Natural Resources establishes an offshore waterfowl hunting zone. Within this zone, a person may hunt waterfowl while standing on the natural bottom, from a boat that is drifting or being sculled, or from a boat that is anchored. In most areas, a person must be at least 800 yards from shore. In specified waters, the minimum required distance is 400 yards.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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