

SENATE BILL 956

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By: **Senator Haines**

Introduced and read first time: February 28, 2007

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Hunting on Private Land – Verbal Permission**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing hunting on private land with the verbal permission of
4 the landowner or the landowner's agent or lessee; and generally relating to
5 hunting on private land.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 10–411
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 10–411.

15 (a) A person may not upon any pretense come to hunt on the lands owned by
16 another person without the written **OR VERBAL** permission of the landowner or the
17 landowner's agent or lessee.

18 (b) Any person hunting on this private property is liable for any damage the
19 person causes to the private property while hunting on the private property.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The landowner may not be liable for accidental injury or damage to the
2 person whether or not the landowner or the landowner's agent gave permission to
3 hunt on the private property.

4 (d) In Harford County a person who violates subsection (a) of this section is
5 guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of not less than \$25 and
6 not exceeding \$250.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2007.