

# HOUSE BILL 935

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By: **Delegates Bartlett, Elliott, and Stull**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Study to Evaluate Strategies to Reduce Deer-Vehicle Collisions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources, the Department  
4 of Transportation, and the Department of State Police jointly to conduct a study  
5 to evaluate strategies to reduce deer-vehicle collisions; requiring the study to  
6 include certain reviews, evaluations, and examinations; requiring the  
7 departments to use certain personnel and resources in the departments and  
8 prohibiting the departments from entering into a contract, agreement, or  
9 memorandum of understanding with an outside entity; requiring the  
10 departments jointly to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before a  
11 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
12 a study to evaluate strategies to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) The Department of Natural Resources, the Department of  
16 Transportation, and the Department of State Police shall jointly conduct a study to  
17 evaluate strategies to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

18 (b) The study shall include:

19 (1) a review of existing literature related to deer-vehicle collision  
20 reduction strategies;

21 (2) an evaluation of any patterns in the time and location of  
22 deer-vehicle collisions;

23 (3) an examination of the benefits and problems related to the use of  
24 fences and wildlife crossing structures;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (4) an examination of the use of wildlife warning reflectors and  
2 motorist warning devices;

3                   (5) a review of other mitigation strategies that have been used to  
4 reduce deer-vehicle collisions; and

5                   (6) a review of any other issues that affect the frequency of  
6 deer-vehicle collisions.

7           (c) In conducting the study, the Department of Natural Resources, the  
8 Department of Transportation, and the Department of State Police may use only  
9 personnel and resources in the departments and may not enter into a contract,  
10 agreement, or memorandum of understanding with any outside entity.

11           (d) On or before October 1, 2010, the Department of Natural Resources, the  
12 Department of Transportation, and the Department of State Police shall jointly submit  
13 a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
14 Government Article, on their findings and recommendations on strategies to reduce  
15 deer-vehicle collisions.

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 months and, at the  
18 end of October 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
19 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.