

HOUSE BILL 1218

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Deer Hunting - Dogs**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from killing a dog found pursuing a deer in
4 Washington County; and generally relating to deer hunting in Washington
5 County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 10-416(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 10-416.

15 (b) (1) Except as provided in regulations adopted by the Department
16 under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person may not:

17 (i) Take a dog into the woods or possess or control a dog in the
18 woods; and

19 (ii) Use the dog to hunt or pursue deer.

20 (2) The Department shall adopt regulations governing the use of dogs
21 to aid in the prompt recovery of killed, wounded, or injured deer.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) (i) In Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince
2 George's, Somerset, **WASHINGTON**, and Worcester counties, a person may not kill a
3 dog found pursuing a deer.

4 (ii) In all other counties, any Natural Resources police officer,
5 law enforcement officer, or any other person may kill any dog found pursuing any
6 deer, except in accordance with regulations adopted under paragraph (2) of this
7 subsection.

8 (iii) In Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, Kent, Anne Arundel, Cecil,
9 Charles, Garrett, St. Mary's, Queen Anne's, Frederick, Carroll, and Calvert counties,
10 dogs that are engaged in fox hunting and who have broken away may not be killed
11 under this paragraph.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2009.