

SENATE BILL 401

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CF HB 1417

By: **Senators Waugh and Middleton**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County and St. Mary's County – Deer Management Permit – Firearms**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit in
4 Charles County and St. Mary's County to use certain firearms to hunt deer
5 throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in the locations and under
6 the conditions set forth in the permit; and generally relating to the use of certain
7 firearms under a Deer Management Permit in Charles County and St. Mary's
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 10–415(d)(1) and (3)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Natural Resources
16 Section 10–415(d)(2)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Natural Resources**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 10-415.

2 (d) (1) In this subsection, "Deer Management Permit" means a permit issued
3 by the Department authorizing the holder to hunt deer outside of deer hunting season for
4 the purpose of preventing damage to crops.

5 (2) (i) In Charles County and St. Mary's County, an individual who
6 holds a Deer Management Permit may:

7 1. Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved
8 by the Department to hunt deer throughout [deer season] **THE YEAR, INCLUDING ALL**
9 **DEER HUNTING SEASONS**, in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the
10 permit; and

11 2. If the individual leases State land in Charles County or St.
12 Mary's County for the purpose of cultivating crops, hunt deer on the land leased by the
13 individual in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit.

14 (ii) The Department may authorize an individual in Charles County
15 or St. Mary's County to hunt deer on Sundays under a Deer Management Permit.

16 (3) To protect public safety and welfare, the Department may restrict the
17 lands on which an individual may hunt deer under a Deer Management Permit.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.