

SENATE BILL 954

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Deer Management Permit – Use of Rifles**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management
4 Permit in Talbot County to use a certain rifle to harvest deer under the permit if the
5 individual holds a valid Maryland State Shooter Qualification Card and subject to
6 the conditions set forth in the permit; and generally relating to hunting under a Deer
7 Management Permit in Talbot County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–415(d)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 10–415.

17 (d) (1) In this subsection, “Deer Management Permit” means a permit issued
18 by the Department authorizing the holder to hunt deer outside of deer hunting season for
19 the purpose of preventing damage to crops.

20 (2) (i) In Charles County and St. Mary’s County, an individual who
21 holds a Deer Management Permit may:

22 1. Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved
23 by the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons,
24 in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

8 (4) (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

9 (ii) Subject to the conditions set forth in a Deer Management Permit,
10 a permittee may use a rifle approved by the Department to harvest deer throughout the
11 year, including all deer hunting seasons.

12 (iii) In Frederick County Zone 1, as defined in COMAR
13 08.03.03.06A.(3)(g), an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer throughout the
14 year.

15 (iv) 1. This subparagraph applies only in Frederick County Zone
16 2, as defined in COMAR 08.03.03.06A.(3)(h).

17 2. Except as provided in subparagraph 3 of this
18 subparagraph, an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer in a period beginning
19 October 1 and ending March 31.

20 3. In a deer firearms season, an agent of a permittee may
21 harvest deer only by using the weapon approved for that season.

22 (v) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this
23 subsection.

24 **(5) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN TALBOT COUNTY.**

25 **(II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HUNTS DEER UNDER A DEER**
26 **MANAGEMENT PERMIT MAY USE A RIFLE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO**
27 **HARVEST DEER UNDER THE PERMIT:**

28 **1. IF THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS A VALID MARYLAND**
29 **STATE SHOOTER QUALIFICATION CARD; AND**

30 **2. SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE**
31 **PERMIT.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
2 1, 2017.