Chapter 110

## (House Bill 119)

## AN ACT concerning

## Calvert County - Hunting - Deer Management Permits

FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit in Calvert County to use certain firearms to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit; authorizing a permit holder in Calvert County to hunt deer on certain lands under certain conditions; and generally relating to hunting deer under a Deer Management Permit in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10-415(d)(1) and (3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10-415(d)(2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

## Article - Natural Resources

10-415.

- (d) (1) In this subsection, "Deer Management Permit" means a permit issued by the Department authorizing the holder or an agent of the holder to hunt deer outside of deer hunting season for the purpose of preventing damage to crops.
- (2) In Charles County, **CALVERT COUNTY**, and St. Mary's County, an individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management Permit may:
- (i) Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit; and
  - (ii) On State land in Charles County, CALVERT COUNTY, or St.

Mary's County leased by the permit holder for the purpose of cultivating crops, hunt deer on the leased land in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2018.