

HOUSE BILL 401

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CF SB 923

By: **Harford County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Hunting – Deer Management Permits**

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 10–415(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 10–415.

19 (d) (1) In this subsection, “Deer Management Permit” means a permit issued
20 by the Department authorizing the holder or an agent of the holder to hunt deer outside of

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 deer hunting season for the purpose of preventing damage to crops.

2 (2) In Charles County, Calvert County, [and] St. Mary's County, AND
3 **HARFORD COUNTY**, an individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management Permit
4 may:

5 (i) Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by
6 the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in
7 the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit; and

8 (ii) On State land in Charles County, Calvert County, [or] St. Mary's
9 County, **OR HARFORD COUNTY** leased by the permit holder for the purpose of cultivating
10 crops, hunt deer on the leased land in the locations and under the conditions set forth in
11 the permit.

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

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

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

18 (iii) In Frederick County Zone 1, as defined in COMAR
19 08.03.03.06A.(3)(g), an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer throughout the
20 year.

21 (iv) 1. This subparagraph applies only in Frederick County Zone
22 2, as defined in COMAR 08.03.03.06A.(3)(h).

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

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

28 (v) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this
29 subsection.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
31 1, 2019.