

# HOUSE BILL 1386

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Black Bear Hunting – Permit Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing requirements for the issuance of a black bear hunting  
4 permit; and generally relating to permits for hunting black bears.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – Natural Resources

7 Section 10–428

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Natural Resources**

13 **10–428.**

14 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “TARGETED HARVEST RATE” MEANS THE DIFFERENCE**  
15 **BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT’S GOAL FOR THE ANNUAL MORTALITY RATE AND THE**  
16 **KNOWN MORTALITY RATE FOR BLACK BEARS.**

17 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, FREDERICK COUNTY,**  
18 **GARRETT COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

19 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION TO**  
20 **A PERSON WHO IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,**  
2 **THE NUMBER OF BLACK BEAR HUNTING PERMITS ISSUED EACH YEAR SHALL BE IN**  
3 **AN AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO MEET THE TARGETED HARVEST RATE FOR THAT YEAR.**

4           **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE PERMITS UNDER THIS**  
5 **SUBSECTION USING AN ANNUAL RANDOMIZED LOTTERY SYSTEM IN WHICH ALL**  
6 **INDIVIDUALS SEEKING A PERMIT ARE GIVEN THE SAME PRIORITY.**

7           **(3) A PERSON WHO HARVESTS A BLACK BEAR UNDER A PERMIT**  
8 **ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE SELECTED FOR A BLACK BEAR**  
9 **PERMIT IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

10           **(E) IN ADDITION TO THE PERMITS ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS**  
11 **SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A PERMIT TO A LANDOWNER TO HUNT**  
12 **BLACK BEARS ON THE LANDOWNER'S PROPERTY.**

13           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2022.