

SENATE BILL 497

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By: **Senator Gallion**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Deer Management Permit – Hunting on State Land Leased by Permit Holder –**
3 **Authorization**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management
5 Permit to use a certain shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle to hunt deer
6 throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in a certain manner on
7 State land leased by a permit holder for the purpose of cultivating crops; and
8 generally relating to hunting under a Deer Management Permit.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 10–415(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 10–415.

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

21 (2) **[In] ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IN** Baltimore County, Charles County,
22 Calvert County, St. Mary’s County, and Harford County, an individual who hunts deer
23 under a Deer Management Permit may[:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Use] USE a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved
2 by the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons,
3 in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit[; and

4 (ii) On State land in Baltimore County, Charles County, Calvert
5 County, St. Mary's County, or Harford County leased by the permit holder for the purpose
6 of cultivating crops, hunt deer on the leased land in the locations and under the conditions
7 set forth in the permit].

8 (3) **ON STATE LAND LEASED BY A PERMIT HOLDER FOR THE PURPOSE**
9 **OF CULTIVATING CROPS, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HUNTS DEER UNDER A DEER**
10 **MANAGEMENT PERMIT MAY USE A SHOTGUN OR BREECH LOADING CENTER FIRED**
11 **RIFLE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HUNT DEER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,**
12 **INCLUDING ALL DEER HUNTING SEASONS, IN THE LOCATIONS AND UNDER THE**
13 **CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT.**

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

16 [(4)] (5) (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

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

20 (iii) In Frederick County Zone 1, as defined in COMAR
21 08.03.03.06A.(3)(g), an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer throughout the
22 year.

23 (iv) 1. This subparagraph applies only in Frederick County Zone
24 2, as defined in COMAR 08.03.03.06A.(3)(h).

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

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

30 (v) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this
31 paragraph.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
33 1, 2022.