

# SENATE BILL 497

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By: **Senator Gallion**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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

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

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

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

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

19           ~~[(4)]~~ (5)    (i)    This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

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

23                   (iii)   In Frederick County Zone 1, as defined in COMAR  
24 08.03.03.06A.(3)(g), an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer throughout the  
25 year.

26                   (iv)   1.    This subparagraph applies only in Frederick County Zone  
27 2, as defined in COMAR 08.03.03.06A.(3)(h).

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

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

33                   (v)    The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this  
34 paragraph.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.