

# HOUSE BILL 857

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Pursuing Wounded Deer After Legal Hunting Hours –**  
3 **Authorization**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person who is authorized by the Department of Natural  
5 Resources to hunt deer and who wounds a deer during legal hunting hours to pursue  
6 and kill the deer after legal hunting hours subject to certain restrictions; and  
7 generally relating to deer hunting.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Natural Resources

10 Section 10–428

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 **10–428.**

17 **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND NOTWITHSTANDING**  
18 **THE TIME RESTRICTIONS UNDER § 10–410(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON WHO IS**  
19 **AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HUNT DEER AND WHO WOUNDS A DEER**  
20 **DURING LEGAL HUNTING HOURS MAY PURSUE AND KILL THE DEER AFTER LEGAL**  
21 **HUNTING HOURS.**

22 **(B) A PERSON WHO PURSUES A WOUNDED DEER IN ACCORDANCE WITH**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL USE ONLY THE MEANS AUTHORIZED FOR  
2 THE APPLICABLE HUNTING SEASON OR PERMIT TO KILL THE DEER.

3 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
4 SECTION.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2025.