

SENATE BILL 100

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CF HB 857

By: **Senator Bailey**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Pursuing Wounded Deer After Legal Hunting Hours and**
3 **Using a Light – 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 with
7 the use of a light; and 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) AND (B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON**
19 **WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HUNT DEER AND WHO WOUNDS A**

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.



DEER DURING LEGAL HUNTING HOURS MAY PURSUE AND KILL THE DEER AFTER
LEGAL HUNTING HOURS.

(B) (1) ~~A~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON
WHO PURSUES A WOUNDED DEER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
SECTION SHALL USE ONLY THE MEANS AUTHORIZED FOR THE APPLICABLE HUNTING
SEASON OR PERMIT TO KILL THE DEER.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE RESTRICTIONS UNDER §§ 10-410(E) AND
10-416(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON WHO PURSUES A WOUNDED DEER IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY USE A LIGHT OR THROW
OR CAST THE RAYS OF A SPOTLIGHT, A HEADLIGHT, AN ARTIFICIAL LIGHT, A
BATTERY, OR ANY OTHER DEVICE WHILE PURSUING THE WOUNDED DEER.

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.