



Senate Bill 0449
Frederick and Washington Counties – Bow Hunting
Openly Carrying Handguns
FAVORABLE

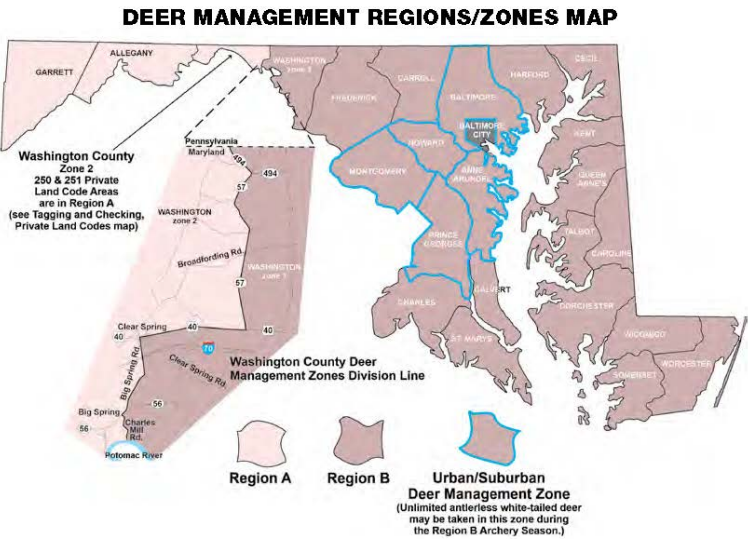
Current law provides that a bow hunter may wear and carry a handgun while hunting deer in Region A as a reasonable precaution against black bears. As shown on the map below, Region A is comprised of Garrett and Allegany Counties and the western portion of Washington County. Due to successful conservation practices, the black bear population has increased in Area A and the black bear population has now significantly increased in the remaining portion of Washington County and into Frederick County.

This bill simply extends the area where a bow hunter may carry a handgun to include all of Washington and Frederick Counties.

DEER HUNTING

REGION A: Allegany County, Garrett County and the western portion of Washington County (Zone 2, Private Land Code Areas 250 and 251) that lies west of a line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 494 and the Pennsylvania line, south on Rt. 494 to Rt. 57, south on Rt. 57 to Rt. 40 at St. Paul's Church, west on Rt. 40 to the junction of Big Spring Rd. and Rt. 40 in Clear Spring, south on Big Spring Rd. to the junction of Rt. 56 at Big Spring, following Rt. 56 west to the junction of Charles Mill Rd., then south on Charles Mill Rd. to the Potomac River.

REGION B: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, the eastern portion of Washington County, Zone 1, Private Land Code Area 252, that lies east of a line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 494 and the Pennsylvania line, south on Rt. 494 to Rt. 57, south on Rt. 57 to Rt. 40 at St. Paul's Church, west on Rt. 40 to the junction of Big Spring Rd. and Rt. 40 in Clear Spring, south on Big Spring Rd. to the junction of Rt. 56 at Big Spring, following Rt. 56 west to the junction of Charles Mill Rd., then south on Charles Mill Rd. to the Potomac River), Wicomico and Worcester counties.



We urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 449.

Respectfully,

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