

HB0447 (2026) Favorable
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Hunting and fishing are Maryland traditions tracing back to the founding of the colony before it became a state. Wildlife biologists have repeatedly demonstrated that hunting and fishing are the best tools available for wildlife population management. Conservation funding for the state comes directly from excise taxes collected on sales of hunting and fishing necessities including firearms, ammunition, fishing rods, and other fishing tackle. Enshrining the right to these activities for all residents of the state ensures we have access to critical conservation funding in the future and the continued ability to manage our wildlife species.

As other states in the Union vilify hunting and fishing and even go as far as attempting to ban them completely it is important that Maryland demonstrate its commitment to preserving these traditions so important to our state's history and economy.

I ask for a favorable report on this bill.