

HOUSE BILL 401

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Hunting – Deer Management Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who hunts under a Deer Management Permit
4 in Harford County to use certain firearms to hunt deer throughout the year,
5 including all deer hunting seasons, in the locations and under the conditions set forth
6 in the permit; authorizing an individual who hunts under a Deer Management
7 Permit in Harford County to hunt deer on certain lands under certain conditions;
8 and generally relating to hunting deer under a Deer Management Permit in Harford
9 County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 10–415(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 10–415.

19 (d) (1) In this subsection, “Deer Management Permit” means a permit issued
20 by the Department authorizing the holder or an agent of the holder to hunt deer outside of
21 deer hunting season for the purpose of preventing damage to crops.

22 (2) In Charles County, Calvert County, [and] St. Mary’s County, AND
23 **HARFORD COUNTY**, an individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management Permit
24 may:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by
2 the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in
3 the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit; and

4 (ii) On State land in Charles County, Calvert County, [or] St. Mary's
5 County, **OR HARFORD COUNTY** leased by the permit holder for the purpose of cultivating
6 crops, hunt deer on the leased land in the locations and under the conditions set forth in
7 the permit.

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

10 (4) (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

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

14 (iii) In Frederick County Zone 1, as defined in COMAR
15 08.03.03.06A.(3)(g), an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer throughout the
16 year.

17 (iv) 1. This subparagraph applies only in Frederick County Zone
18 2, as defined in COMAR 08.03.03.06A.(3)(h).

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

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

24 (v) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this
25 subsection.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
27 1, 2019.