

SENATE BILL 259

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By: **Senators Dyson, Colburn, and Middleton**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties – Deer Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a
4 program in certain counties to train rifle shooters to hunt deer during daylight
5 hours for the purpose of controlling the deer population; requiring the
6 Department to give certain applicants priority to participate in the program;
7 requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; authorizing a person to
8 hunt deer with a certain shotgun in certain counties during certain months;
9 authorizing a person who holds a Deer Damage Permit in certain counties to
10 hunt with a certain shotgun during deer season in certain locations, and to hunt
11 deer on certain State lands under certain conditions; prohibiting the
12 Department from requiring a person who holds a Deer Damage Permit in
13 certain counties to renew the permit more frequently than at a certain interval;
14 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the regulation by the
15 Department of Natural Resources of deer hunting in Calvert, Charles, and St.
16 Mary's counties.

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Natural Resources
19 Section 10–408.2 and 10–415(d)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Natural Resources

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.



1 Section 10-415(a)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Natural Resources**

7 **10-408.2.**

8 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM IN CALVERT,**
9 **CHARLES, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTIES TO TRAIN RIFLE SHOOTERS TO HUNT**
10 **DEER DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS TO CONTROL THE DEER POPULATION IN**
11 **CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTIES.**

12 **(B) WHEN SELECTING APPLICANTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE**
13 **PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**
14 **GIVE PRIORITY TO APPLICANTS WHO HOLD A DEER DAMAGE PERMIT, AS**
15 **DEFINED IN § 10-415(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

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

18 **10-415.**

19 **(a) (1) There are the following 3 seasons to hunt deer:**

20 **[(1)] (I) Deer bow hunting season;**

21 **[(2)] (II) Deer firearms season; and**

22 **[(3)] (III) Deer muzzle loader season.**

23 **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A**
24 **PERSON MAY HUNT DEER WITH A SHOTGUN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT**
25 **FROM JANUARY THROUGH MARCH IN CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY’S**
26 **COUNTIES.**

27 **(D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “DEER DAMAGE PERMIT” MEANS A**
28 **PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO AN AGRICULTURAL LANDOWNER OR**
29 **LESSEE IN THE STATE EXPERIENCING SEVERE CROP DAMAGE FROM DEER THAT**
30 **ALLOWS THE LANDOWNER OR LESSEE TO HUNT DEER OUTSIDE OF DEER**
31 **HUNTING SEASON ACCORDING TO CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT.**

1 **(2) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A DEER DAMAGE PERMIT IN CALVERT**
2 **COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, OR ST. MARY’S COUNTY MAY:**

3 **(I) USE A SHOTGUN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO**
4 **HUNT DEER THROUGHOUT DEER SEASON IN THE LOCATIONS AND UNDER THE**
5 **CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT; AND**

6 **(II) HUNT DEER ON STATE AGRICULTURAL CROP LAND**
7 **LOCATED IN CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTIES TO THE SAME**
8 **EXTENT AS THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE DEER DAMAGE PERMIT TO**
9 **HUNT ON PRIVATE LAND IN CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTIES.**

10 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO HOLDS**
11 **A DEER DAMAGE PERMIT IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, OR**
12 **ST. MARY’S COUNTY TO APPLY FOR RENEWAL MORE THAN ONCE EVERY 3**
13 **YEARS.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2010.

Approved:

_____ Governor.

_____ President of the Senate.

_____ Speaker of the House of Delegates.