

HOUSE BILL 1596

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By: **Delegate Mautz**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Deer Management Permit – Firearms**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit in
4 Talbot County to use certain firearms to hunt deer throughout the year under certain
5 circumstances; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to authorize an
6 individual to hunt deer on Sundays in Talbot County under certain circumstances;
7 and generally relating to hunting deer under a Deer Management Permit in Talbot
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 10–415(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 10–415.

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

21 (2) (i) In Charles County and St. Mary’s County, an individual who
22 holds a Deer Management Permit may:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 1. Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved
2 by the Department to hunt deer throughout deer season in the locations and under the
3 conditions set forth in the permit; and

4 2. If the individual leases State land in Charles County or St.
5 Mary's County for the purpose of cultivating crops, hunt deer on the land leased by the
6 individual in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit.

7 (ii) The Department may authorize an individual in Charles County
8 or St. Mary's County to hunt deer on Sundays under a Deer Management Permit.

9 **(3) (I) IN TALBOT COUNTY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A DEER
10 MANAGEMENT PERMIT MAY:**

11 **1. USE A SHOTGUN OR BREECH LOADING CENTER FIRED
12 RIFLE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HUNT DEER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,
13 INCLUDING ALL DEER HUNTING SEASONS, IN THE LOCATIONS AND UNDER THE
14 CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT; AND**

15 **2. IF THE INDIVIDUAL LEASES STATE LAND IN TALBOT
16 COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CULTIVATING CROPS, HUNT DEER ON THE LAND
17 LEASED BY THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE LOCATIONS AND UNDER THE CONDITIONS SET
18 FORTH IN THE PERMIT.**

19 **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE AN INDIVIDUAL IN
20 TALBOT COUNTY TO HUNT DEER ON SUNDAYS UNDER A DEER MANAGEMENT
21 PERMIT.**

22 **[(3)] (4)** To protect public safety and welfare, the Department may
23 restrict the lands on which an individual may hunt deer under a Deer Management Permit.

24 **[(4)] (5)** (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

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

28 (iii) In Frederick County Zone 1, as defined in COMAR
29 08.03.03.06A.(3)(g), an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer throughout the
30 year.

31 (iv) 1. This subparagraph applies only in Frederick County Zone
32 2, as defined in COMAR 08.03.03.06A.(3)(h).

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

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

6 (v) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this
7 subsection.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2016.