

SENATE BILL 966

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SB 259/10 – EHE

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By: **Senators Dyson and Middleton**
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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County – 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 for the purpose
5 of controlling the deer population; requiring the Department to give certain
6 applicants priority to participate in the program; requiring the Department to
7 adopt certain regulations; authorizing a person to hunt deer with a certain
8 shotgun in certain counties during certain months; authorizing an individual
9 who holds a Deer Management Permit in certain counties to hunt with a certain
10 shotgun during deer season in certain locations, and to hunt deer on certain
11 State lands under certain conditions; prohibiting the Department from
12 requiring an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit in certain
13 counties to renew the permit more frequently than at a certain interval;
14 defining a certain term; and generally relating to deer hunting in Calvert
15 County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County.

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Natural Resources
18 Section 10–408.2 and 10–415(d)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article – Natural Resources
23 Section 10–415(a)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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Article – Natural Resources2 **10-408.2.**

3 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM IN CALVERT
4 COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY TO TRAIN RIFLE
5 SHOOTERS TO HUNT DEER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROLLING THE DEER
6 POPULATION IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY'S
7 COUNTY.

8 (B) WHEN SELECTING APPLICANTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
9 PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
10 GIVE PRIORITY TO AN APPLICANT WHO HOLDS A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT
11 ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

12 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
13 THIS SECTION.

14 **10-415.**

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

16 [(1)] (I) Deer bow hunting season;

17 [(2)] (II) Deer firearms season; and

18 [(3)] (III) Deer muzzle loader season.

19 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A
20 PERSON MAY HUNT DEER WITH A SHOTGUN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT
21 FROM JANUARY THROUGH MARCH IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY,
22 AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

23 (D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT" MEANS
24 A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZING THE HOLDER TO HUNT
25 DEER OUTSIDE OF DEER HUNTING SEASON FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING
26 DAMAGE TO CROPS.

27 (2) IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY'S
28 COUNTY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT MAY:

29 (I) USE A SHOTGUN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO
30 HUNT DEER THROUGHOUT DEER SEASON IN THE LOCATIONS AND UNDER THE
31 CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT; AND

1 **(II) HUNT DEER ON STATE AGRICULTURAL CROP LAND**
2 **LOCATED IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY**
3 **TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE DEER**
4 **MANAGEMENT PERMIT TO HUNT ON PRIVATE LAND IN CALVERT COUNTY,**
5 **CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY.**

6 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**
7 **HOLDS A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES**
8 **COUNTY, OR ST. MARY'S COUNTY TO APPLY FOR RENEWAL MORE THAN ONCE**
9 **EVERY 3 YEARS.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2014.