

TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
Workgroup on proposed Deer Management Legislation for Talbot County

Delegate John F. Mautz, IV, House of Delegates, District 37B representative, will host a workgroup on proposed deer management legislation for Talbot County on Saturday, January 21, 2017 beginning at 4:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Wye Oak Room of the Talbot County Community Center, 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, Maryland.

Representatives from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Talbot County Farm Bureau will be in attendance. All interested parties are hereby notified and invited to attend.

Please contact Delegate Mautz's Office at (410) 841-3429 should you require communications assistance or desire additional information.

DELEGATE JOHN F. MAUTZ, IV, DISTRICT 37B

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Bill No.: _____

Drafted by: Tracy

Requested: _____

Committee: _____

By: **Delegate Mautz**

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Talbot County – Deer Management Permit – Use of Rifles

FOR the purpose of authorizing a holder of a Deer Management Permit in Talbot County to use a certain rifle to harvest deer under the permit if the permittee holds a valid Maryland State Shooter Qualification Card and subject to the conditions set forth in the permit; and generally relating to hunting under a Deer Management Permit in Talbot County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-415(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–415.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN TALBOT COUNTY.

(II) A HOLDER OF A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT MAY USE A RIFLE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HARVEST DEER UNDER THE PERMIT:

1. IF THE PERMITTEE HOLDS A VALID MARYLAND STATE SHOOTER QUALIFICATION CARD; AND
2. SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.

SAMPLE

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife and Heritage Service**



DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT # [REDACTED]

County [REDACTED]

Date Effective: 3/1/2016

Date Expires: 2/28/2017

Issued By: [REDACTED]

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources
Wildlife and Heritage Service

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Permittee [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

This Permit is issued to harvest [REDACTED] antlerless deer causing damage to crops under authority of Natural Resources Article, Title 10, Section 206. Permit is valid only on property identified above.

Special Conditions:

Authorized Agents for Permit #: [REDACTED]

The proper representative from Wildlife and Heritage Service must be notified prior to making additions or deletions to the list of authorized agents (Exempt or Non-Exempt).

Exempt agents are defined as: permittees and designated agents who are exempt from the requirement to possess a hunting license for the property for which the Deer Management Permit has been issued (as defined in Maryland Law 10-301b); or designated agents who are employees of the permittee's commercial farming operation (i.e., recipients of federal W-2 forms); or nonresident landowners who possess a Maryland Hunting License. The following agents are exempt:

Agents that do not meet the requirements to be exempt are classified as non-exempt agents. Non-exempt agents must possess a Maryland hunting license when shooting under this DMP during the Maryland deer season. The following agents, listed with their shooter code number, are designated as non-exempt:

