

HOUSE BILL 499

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Deer Bow Hunting Season – End Date**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the deer bow hunting season shall remain open
4 until a certain day; and generally relating to the deer bow hunting season.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Natural Resources
7 Section 10–405(a)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

12 **Article – Natural Resources**

13 10–405.

14 (a) (1) Pursuant to § 10–205 of this title, the Department shall establish
15 by regulation and publish by July 1 each year the open season to hunt forest and
16 upland game birds and mammals.

17 (2) Except as provided under § 10–410 of this subtitle, the Department
18 may not authorize hunting on a Sunday.

19 (3) (i) 1. Subject to subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph,
20 the Department shall establish by regulation by July 1 of each year a junior deer hunt
21 to occur on a Saturday and Sunday on the same weekend during a deer hunting
22 season.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2. The regulations adopted under this subparagraph
2 may not authorize the junior deer hunt to occur on a Sunday in a county in which deer
3 hunting is not authorized for that Sunday.

4 (ii) A person may participate in the junior deer hunt if the
5 person:

6 1. Is 16 years of age or younger;

7 2. Possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from
8 hunting license requirements; and

9 3. Is accompanied by a person who:

10 A. Is at least 21 years of age;

11 B. Possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from
12 hunting license requirements; and

13 C. Is not in possession of a firearm, a bow, or any other
14 hunting device.

15 (iii) A person who participates in the junior deer hunt may use a
16 firearm to hunt deer on the days of the hunt.

17 **(4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BY REGULATION ESTABLISH A**
18 **DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON, WHICH SHALL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE**
19 **SATURDAY FOLLOWING JANUARY 30.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2013.