

HOUSE BILL 990

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By: **Delegate Beitzel**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County – Deer Hunting – Three-Point Rule**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from hunting an antlered deer in Garrett
4 County unless the deer meets certain specifications; and generally relating to
5 deer hunting in Garrett County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 10–415
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 10–415.

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

16 (1) Deer bow hunting season;

17 (2) Deer firearms season; and

18 (3) Deer muzzle loader season.

19 (b) (1) Every person killing a deer shall report with the deer to a
20 designated checking station within 24 hours after killing the deer.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Notwithstanding any requirement of law, if the designated
2 checking stations are closed in the county where a person kills a deer, a Natural
3 Resources police officer shall authorize the person to report with the deer to a
4 designated checking station in another county.

5 (c) (1) A person with a hunting license also may purchase bonus deer
6 stamps from the Department.

7 (2) A bonus deer stamp allows a person with the hunting license to
8 hunt 1 deer for each stamp purchased in any of the following hunting seasons for deer
9 in the State:

10 (i) Deer bow hunting season;

11 (ii) Deer muzzle loader season; and

12 (iii) Deer firearms season.

13 (3) An individual who purchases a bonus antlered deer stamp but does
14 not use it during a particular season may use that stamp during any subsequent
15 season in that hunting license year.

16 (4) The fee for each bonus antlered deer stamp issued in accordance
17 with this subsection shall be \$10.00 for residents and \$25.00 for nonresidents.

18 (5) The Department may establish by regulation the type and number
19 of deer stamps issued under this subsection if necessary to control the deer harvest in
20 various areas of the State.

21 (d) Repealed.

22 (e) A person may not remove the head or hide or any part from any deer,
23 except internal organs, or cut the meat into parts until the deer has been checked by
24 the Department or 1 of the Department's agents at a designated checking station.
25 Removal of the head or the hide of any deer not checked at a designated checking
26 station shall be prima facie evidence that the deer was hunted illegally. Each separate
27 deer or part of any deer taken illegally or found in possession shall be considered a
28 separate offense.

29 (f) Any person who, while operating a motor vehicle on any highway in the
30 State, accidentally strikes and kills a deer on the highway may have the deer if the
31 person produces visible evidence of collision with the deer to any Natural Resources
32 police officer, State law enforcement officer, or other designated representative of the
33 Secretary. The provisions of this subsection shall be applicable to deer killed by
34 collision with a motor vehicle at any time whether during the open season for killing
35 deer or during the legally closed season.

1 (g) A person may not hunt a deer while the deer is taking refuge in or
2 swimming through the waters of the State.

3 (H) (1) IN GARRETT COUNTY, A PERSON MAY NOT HUNT AN
4 ANTLERED DEER WITH FEWER THAN THREE POINTS UP, MEASURING 1 INCH OR
5 LONGER, ON THE MAIN BEAM OF ONE ANTLER.

6 (2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBSECTION, A POINT DOES NOT
7 INCLUDE A BROW TINE.

8 (i) Upon written request from a federal facility for a variance from the
9 established deer hunting season, the Department shall review the request and may:

10 (1) Approve the request;

11 (2) Deny the request; or

12 (3) Approve the request with conditions.

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