

HOUSE BILL 367

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting – Deer Firearms Season – January Days**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in the
4 deer firearms season a certain minimum number of days in January for the
5 hunting of antlerless deer; and generally relating to the deer firearms season.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 10–405
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 10–405.

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

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

20 (3) (i) 1. Subject to subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph,
21 the Department shall establish by regulation by July 1 of each year a junior deer hunt
22 to occur on a Saturday and Sunday on the same weekend during a deer hunting
23 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 (b) If the Department by regulation pursuant to § 10–205 of this title
18 restricts or reduces the number of days normally allowed to hunt, possess, sell,
19 purchase, ship, transport, carry, or export any game bird or mammal because of an
20 emergency situation, the Department may extend the open season to provide a
21 comparable number of days in any given season.

22 (c) The Department shall establish by regulation the maximum open season
23 for hunting crows which is permissible under federal law, and shall include in its
24 regulations such provisions as are permitted under federal law for control of crows at
25 any time they are found to be committing or about to commit depredation upon
26 ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock or wildlife, or when
27 concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other
28 nuisance.

29 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH BY REGULATION A DEER**
30 **FIREARMS SEASON THAT INCLUDES A MINIMUM OF 3 DAYS IN JANUARY FOR THE**
31 **HUNTING OF ANTLERLESS DEER.**

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