

The hunters license system was created by Chapter 468, Acts of 1918, which requires those who enjoy the great outdoors to contribute to a Fund for support of the Division and until this law was enacted the Department was one by name and not by action due to the lack of finances. For instances, beginning with the fiscal year of 1916, there was \$511 in the Treasury to the credit of the Department. Since the enactment of the hunters license system in 1918, the Department reports \$129,000 in assets and no liabilities, with a salaried staff of 26 deputy game wardens stationed throughout the State and 600 non-salaried deputies.

The Department has in operation two State-owned game farms, namely the Gwynnbrook Farm, Baltimore county, and the Wicomico Farm in Wicomico county, where large numbers of bob-white and other species of game are propagated in captivity; also operate a propagation plant on a small scale at the Montgomery county Game Refuge and the Washington county Game Refuge. The Department owns 5301 acres purchased from hunters license receipts and said areas are used as game refuges and propagation plants and in addition has under lease 36,359 acres used for the same purpose.

**New Legislation.**

During the session of the General Assembly of 1937, there were only three Bills enacted pertaining to Game, namely—

Chapter 110, repealing the short-term non-resident hunting license; Chapter 524, open season on deer, state-wide, due to the increase of this game animal and reducing the season on squirrels due to the scarcity to 15 days, namely October 1 to October 15 inclusive. The rest of the Upland Game season remaining as heretofore. This Chapter also provides it to be unlawful to hunt any upland game by means of any gun carrying more than three shells at any one loading. This law also applies to wild waterfowl. This Act also prohibits the sale of cottontail rabbits, bob-white, pheasant, ruffed grouse, wild turkey, or wild waterfowl, either dead or alive, whether killed in Maryland, any other State, Territory, or Country; and,

Chapter 417, providing that any dog or dogs found pursuing any deer may be killed by any deputy game warden of this State or any other person. The necessity of this legislation is due to the fact that in certain sections of our State where deer have shown a decided increase, numbers of deer have been killed by worthless dogs running at large and unclaimed by any person as to ownership.

**STATE GAME WARDEN.**

512 Munsey Building, Baltimore, Md.

Appointed by the Conservation Commission under Merit System.

E. Lee LeCompte.....	State Game Warden.....	Cambridge
Richard T. Norris.....	Chief Deputy Game Warden.....	Glen Burnie
Harold Smith Kolmer.....	Secretary.....	Baltimore
Madeline Z. Englar.....	Stenographer.....	Baltimore
Ilda V. Dicken.....	Stenographer.....	Baltimore

**District Deputy Game Wardens.**

Appointed by State Game Warden under Merit System.

District No. 1—

Garrett County.....	Richard S. Browning.....	Oakland
Allegany.....	Harry R. Kenney.....	Cumberland
Allegany.....	Joseph A. Minke.....	Cumberland
Washington.....	Albert Crampton.....	Hagerstown