

CHAPTER 530

(House Bill 80)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Hunting on Private Lands

Ho. Co. 20–90

FOR the purpose of requiring a person who comes to hunt in Howard County on land owned by another person to obtain certain written permission; imposing liability in certain circumstances on a person hunting on private land in Howard County; protecting a landowner in Howard County from certain liability under certain circumstances; providing penalties for certain violations of this Act; and generally relating to hunting on private lands in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–411

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–411.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, a person may not come to hunt upon any pretense whatever on lands owned by another person without the permission of the landowner, his agent, or lessee. Any person hunting on private property shall be liable for any damage he causes to the private property while hunting. The landowner is not liable for accidental injury or damage to the person, whether or not the landowner, his agent, or lessee gave the permission to hunt.

(b) (1) A person may not upon any pretense come to hunt on the lands owned by another person without the written permission of the landowner, his agent, or lessee. Any person hunting on this private property is liable for any damage he causes to the private property while hunting on it. The landowner shall not be liable for accidental injury or damage to the person whether or not the landowner or his agent gave permission to hunt on it.

(2) The provisions of this subsection apply only in the following counties:

- (i) Allegany County;
- (ii) Anne Arundel County;
- (iii) Baltimore County;