

CHAPTER 488
(House Bill 470)

AN ACT to add new Section 123A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Kent County (1959 Edition, being Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, ~~1930 Edition~~), title "Kent County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 123 thereof, to provide for the offense of hunting during the deer season with gun or rifle OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS in Kent County on the property of another without written permission; and to provide for the enforcement of this Act.

WHEREAS, numerous deer hunters are now hunting in Kent County during the deer season and a great many are not securing permission from the landowners; and are totally ignoring the property rights of many people; and

WHEREAS, the landowner can no longer regulate who is to hunt on his land nor the number who will hunt; and

WHEREAS, the uncontrolled hunting by these trespassers is causing a danger to the life and limb of the residents of Kent County, and it is now necessary to enact more stringent laws in order that the trespassing by deer hunters might be reduced; now, therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 123A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Kent County (1959 Edition, being Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, ~~1930 Edition~~), title "Kent County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 123 thereof, and to read as follows:

123A.

(a) *It is unlawful for any person to enter or trespass upon the property of another for the purpose of hunting deer thereon during the season for hunting deer with gun, rifle, bow and arrow or any other means in Kent County, unless such person shall have first secured from the owner or person in possession of the property written permission to hunt thereon. Any person hunting upon the property of another shall exhibit his written permission to hunt thereon upon the request of the sheriff or any deputy or the owner or person in possession. The sheriff, or any deputy, shall upon the request of the owner or person in possession of any property on which there is hunting of deer arrest any person thereon without the written permission of the owner or person in possession. Violation of this section is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500).*

(b) *For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this section, with the approval of the County Commissioners, the sheriff of Kent County may appoint one or more deputies at the salaries approved by the County Commissioners. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, all fines collected for violations of this section shall be paid over to the County Commissioners.*