

Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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10-410.

(e) A person, OR TWO OR MORE PERSONS TOGETHER, may not hunt or attempt to hunt at nighttime any specie of wild bird or wild quadruped with a light, including the headlights of any vehicle and also [[at nighttime]] BETWEEN THE HOURS 10 P.M. AND DAWN a person, OR TWO OR MORE PERSONS TOGETHER, may not cast the rays of any artificial light when the rays emanate from a vehicle on any woods, fields, orchards, livestock, wild animals or birds, dwellings or buildings. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the normal use of headlights of a vehicle travelling on any public or private road in a normal manner, [to a person using a light or lights for purposes other than hunting, killing or intentionally assisting to hunt or kill wildlife,] to any police, emergency or utility company vehicle using spotlights in the performance of their duties, or to any farmer or landowner on his own or leased land using artificial lights to check on livestock or poultry. However, raccoons, FOX, or opossum may be hunted on foot at nighttime during open season with the use of a dog and light.

10-416.

(c) A person, OR TWO OR MORE PERSONS TOGETHER, may not throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, artificial light, battery, or other device on any highway or in any field, woodland, or forest while possessing, or having under control, a firearm or other implement by which any deer could be killed, even though the deer is not shot at, injured, or killed. The provisions of this subsection do not apply where the headlight of a motor vehicle, operated by any person traveling on a highway in the usual way, casts a light upon deer on or adjacent to the highway and there was no attempt or intent to locate them.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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