

138 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1977 be and they are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 629

(House Bill 1341)

AN ACT concerning

Hunting of Deer

FOR the purpose of allowing a person to hunt deer with a handgun of a certain muzzle energy during the firearms deer hunting season in certain areas; ~~and directing the Department of Natural Resources to develop and distribute a list of handgun and cartridge combinations which meet certain criteria.~~

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-420.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

10-420.1.

~~(A)~~ NOTWITHSTANDING ANY HUNTING LAW OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, A PERSON MAY HUNT DEER WITH A HANDGUN HAVING A BARREL LENGTH OF 6 INCHES OR LONGER AND AMMUNITION WHICH PRODUCES A MUZZLE ENERGY OF 300 700 FOOT POUNDS OR MORE DURING THE FIREARMS HUNTING SEASON ONLY IN HUNTING AREAS WHERE A HIGH POWERED RIFLE IS ALLOWED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 10-415 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AN ADVISORY LIST OF HANDGUN AND CARTRIDGE COMBINATIONS WHICH COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.~~