

limits on the number of deer that a person may hunt in Dorchester County; altering the number of deer hunting seasons; and generally relating to deer hunting in this State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-415
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

10-415.

(a) There are [two] THREE seasons to hunt deer[,]: [an archery] A BULL BOW HUNTING season [and], a firearms season, AND A MUZZLE LOADER SEASON.

[(b) Except in Dorchester County a person may hunt only one deer during each deer season. The deer limit in Dorchester County is subject to the provisions of § 10-415.1 of this article.]

(B) IN DORCHESTER COUNTY DURING EACH OF THE SEASONS FOR HUNTING DEER, A PERSON MAY HUNT, PURSUE OR KILL AT LEAST ONE WHITETAIL DEER OF EITHER SEX AND TWO SIKA DEER OF EITHER SEX WITHOUT THE NEED FOR A SPECIAL ANTLERLESS PERMIT.

-f-(c)-f- (B) Every person killing a deer shall report with the deer to a designated checking station within 24 hours after killing the deer.

-f-(d)-f- (E) A person may not remove the head or hide or any part from any deer, except internal organs, or cut the meat into parts until it has been weighed and checked by the Department or one of its agents at a designated checking station. Removal of the head or the hide of any deer, not checked at a designated checking station shall be prima facie evidence that the deer was hunted illegally. Each separate deer or part of any deer taken illegally or found in possession shall be considered a separate offense.

-f-(e)-f- (D) Any person who hunts deer and any person who accompanies, aids, or assists another person hunting deer, shall wear either a cap, vest, or jacket or a jacket containing back and front panels of a daylight fluorescent orange color. This section does not apply to any person who hunts on his property without a hunter's license nor to any person hunting deer with a bow and arrow during the season restricted to hunting with a bow and arrow.