

CHAPTER 29

(Senate Bill 521)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Hunting Via an Internet Connection - Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from shooting at or killing a bird or animal in the State with a gun or other device operated or accessed via an Internet connection; providing that certain actions are prima facie evidence of a violation of this Act; establishing a certain penalty; requiring the revocation of the hunting privilege or hunting license of a person who is convicted of an offense under this Act; requiring that a person be denied the privilege to hunt for a certain time period if the person is convicted of an offense under this Act; and generally relating to hunting.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 10-426

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

10-426.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT SHOOT AT OR KILL A BIRD OR ANIMAL IN THE STATE WITH A GUN OR OTHER DEVICE OPERATED OR ACCESSED VIA AN INTERNET CONNECTION.

(B) ACCESSING, REGULATING ACCESS TO, OR REGULATING THE CONTROL OF A GUN OR DEVICE CAPABLE OF BEING OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

(D) THE HUNTING PRIVILEGE OR HUNTING LICENSE OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL BE REVOKED, AND THE PERSON SHALL BE DENIED THE PRIVILEGE OF HUNTING IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AND NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved April 6, 2006.