CHAPTER 239

(House Bill 928)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County - Hunting - Penalties

FOR the purpose of providing that, in Cecil County, a person who hunts with a weapon on another's property without written permission from that-property-owner the owner or possessor of the land is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to certain penalties.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 10-411(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 10-411(d) Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

10-411.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided, a person may not come to hunt, upon any pretense whatever with a gun or dog on lands owned by another person without the permission of the landowner, his agent, or lessee. Any person hunting on private property shall be liable for any damage he causes to the private property while hunting. The landowner is not liable for accidental injury or damage to the person, whether or not the landowner, his agent, or lessee gave the permission to hunt.
- (d) In Caroline, CECIL, Frederick, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Washington counties, a person who hunts with a gun or other weapon upon the lands of another without first obtaining written permission from the owner or possessor of the land is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of a first offense is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000. Upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense, the person is subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.