

CHAPTER 76

(House Bill 308)

AN ACT concerning

Hunting - Prohibiting Ammunition Clips to Hunt Deer

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from hunting deer with a firearm using an ammunition clip holding more than a certain number of cartridges or bullets; defining a certain term; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-416
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

10-416.

(a) (1) A person may not hunt deer in the State with any automatic firearm. [For the purposes of] IN this subsection, an automatic firearm means a firearm designed to fire, or which is mechanically altered to fire, two or more shots with one continuous pressure on the trigger.

(2) A person may not use full metal-jacketed, incendiary, or tracer bullets in hunting deer in the State. However, the use of metal-jacketed bullets designed to expand on impact is not prohibited.

(3) A PERSON MAY NOT HUNT DEER WITH ANY FIREARM THAT USES AN AMMUNITION CLIP HOLDING MORE THAN 8 CARTRIDGES OR BULLETS. IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "AMMUNITION CLIP" INCLUDES A CARTRIDGE OR BULLET HOLDER CALLED A BANANA CLIP.

(b) A person may not take a dog into the woods or possess or control a dog in the woods and use it to hunt deer. In all counties, except Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Somerset, and Worcester counties, any natural resources police officer, law enforcement officer, or any other person may kill any dog found pursuing any deer. In Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, Kent, Anne Arundel, Cecil, Charles, Garrett, St. Mary's, Queen Anne's, Frederick, Carroll, and Calvert counties, dogs that