

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

10-415.

(c) (1) Every person killing a deer shall report with the deer to a designated checking station within 24 hours after killing the deer.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT OF LAW, IF THE DESIGNATED CHECKING STATIONS ARE CLOSED IN THE COUNTY WHERE A PERSON KILLS A DEER, A NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICER MAY AUTHORIZE THE PERSON TO REPORT WITH THE DEER TO A DESIGNATED CHECKING STATION IN ANOTHER COUNTY.

(g) 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 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.

(i) Any person who, while operating a motor vehicle on any highway in the State, accidentally strikes and kills a deer on the highway may have the deer if the person produces visible evidence of collision with the deer to any Natural Resources police officer, State law enforcement officer, or other designated representative of the Secretary. The provisions of this subsection shall be applicable to deer killed by collision with a motor vehicle at any time whether during the open season for killing deer or during the legally closed season.