

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 201.

This bill allows a person to import, sell or exchange domestically raised venison and requires records to be kept.

House Bill 382, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1996, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 201.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 201**

AN ACT concerning

**Prohibition Against Hunting, Importing, and Selling Game – Exception**

FOR the purpose of authorizing an exception to a certain prohibition against hunting, importing, and selling game birds or game mammals where a person imports, possesses, sells, offers for sale, purchases, offers to purchase, barter, or exchanges ~~imported~~, domestically raised, officially inspected, processed, and lawfully obtained ~~deer meat~~ venison, other than white-tailed and sika ~~deer meat~~ venison; specifying record keeping requirements for the importation and sale of certain ~~deer meat~~ venison; providing for the construction of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to certain exceptions from a certain prohibition against hunting, importing, and selling game birds or game mammals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10-404

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

10-404.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "OFFICIALLY INSPECTED" MEANS VENISON INSPECTED AND PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE:

- (1) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA); OR
- (2) U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; OR