

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 3-401(a) and (c)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

3-105.

(a) (1) Except as provided in this section, this title does not limit the power of a political subdivision to adopt noise control ordinances, rules, or regulations.

(2) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control ordinance, rule, or regulation that is less stringent than the environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title.

(3) (i) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control ordinance, rule, or regulation, including the environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title, that prohibits trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other target shooting between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. by a shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of July 1, 1983. However, this prohibition does not apply if the sports shooting club moves to a parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1, 1983.

(ii) This paragraph does not apply in Allegany, [Anne Arundel,] Baltimore City, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's, and Washington counties.

3-401.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Department shall adopt environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations as necessary to protect the public health, the general welfare, and property.

(c) (5) (i) The sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this subsection may not prohibit trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other target shooting between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. on any range or other property of a shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of July 1, 1983. However, this prohibition does not apply if the sports shooting club moves to a parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1, 1983.

(ii) This paragraph does not apply in Allegany, [Anne Arundel,] Baltimore City, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's, and Washington Counties.