

CHAPTER 628**(Senate Bill 869)**

AN ACT concerning

Sound Level Limits and Noise Control - Shooting Sports Clubs

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ altering a limitation on a certain exemption from certain sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations to ~~make the exemption apply to certain sports shooting clubs established~~ chartered and in operation after a certain date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 3-105(a)(3) and 3-401(c)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

3-105.

(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.~~ JANUARY 1, 2001.

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

3-401.

(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.~~ JANUARY 1, 2001.