

# HOUSE BILL 827

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Agricultural Reserve – Deer Management Permits**

3 **MC 06–20**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who harvests deer under a Deer Management  
5 Permit in the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve to use certain firearms to  
6 harvest deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, subject to the  
7 conditions set forth in the permit; providing for the application of this Act; and  
8 generally relating to harvesting deer under a Deer Management Permit in the  
9 Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 10–415(d)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 10–415.

19 (d) (1) In this subsection, “Deer Management Permit” means a permit issued  
20 by the Department authorizing the holder or an agent of the holder to hunt deer outside of  
21 deer hunting season for the purpose of preventing damage to crops.

22 (2) In Charles County, Calvert County, St. Mary’s County, and Harford  
23 County, an individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management Permit may:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (i) Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by  
2 the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in  
3 the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit; and

4 (ii) On State land in Charles County, Calvert County, St. Mary's  
5 County, or Harford County leased by the permit holder for the purpose of cultivating crops,  
6 hunt deer on the leased land in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the  
7 permit.

8 (3) To protect public safety and welfare, the Department may restrict the  
9 lands on which an individual may hunt deer under a Deer Management Permit.

10 (4) (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

11 (ii) Subject to the conditions set forth in a Deer Management Permit,  
12 a permittee may use a rifle approved by the Department to harvest deer throughout the  
13 year, including all deer hunting seasons.

14 (iii) In Frederick County Zone 1, as defined in COMAR  
15 08.03.03.06A.(3)(g), an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer throughout the  
16 year.

17 (iv) 1. This subparagraph applies only in Frederick County Zone  
18 2, as defined in COMAR 08.03.03.06A.(3)(h).

19 2. Except as provided in subsubparagraph 3 of this  
20 subparagraph, an agent of a permittee may use a rifle to harvest deer in a period beginning  
21 October 1 and ending March 31.

22 3. In a deer firearms season, an agent of a permittee may  
23 harvest deer only by using the weapon approved for that season.

24 (v) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this  
25 subsection.

26 **(5) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN THE MONTGOMERY**  
27 **COUNTY AGRICULTURAL RESERVE.**

28 **(II) SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN A DEER**  
29 **MANAGEMENT PERMIT, A PERMITTEE MAY USE A RIFLE APPROVED BY THE**  
30 **DEPARTMENT TO HARVEST DEER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, INCLUDING ALL DEER**  
31 **HUNTING SEASONS.**

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 2020.