

HOUSE BILL 1452

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By: **Delegates Mautz and Adams**

Introduced and read first time: February 24, 2022

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Female Deer Hunting Contests – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person,
4 for the management of the deer population in the State, sponsor, conduct, or
5 participate in a contest in the State that has the objective of killing a female deer for
6 monetary rewards; and generally relating to doe hunting.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 10–427

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 10–427.

16 (a) **(1)** Subject to [subsection (b)] **PARAGRAPH (2)** of this [section]
17 **SUBSECTION**, a person may not sponsor, conduct, or participate in a contest organized in
18 the State that has the objective of killing a coyote, fox, or raccoon for prizes or monetary
19 rewards.

20 **[(b)] (2)** This [section] **SUBSECTION** may not be construed to prohibit:

21 **[(1)] (I)** A landowner or the landowner’s agent or lessee from killing
22 coyotes, foxes, or raccoons on property of the landowner, provided that the killing is not
23 part of an organized contest; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **[(2)] (II)** Lawful dog training or dog performance competitions.

2 **[(c)] (3)** A person is subject to a fine of \$50 for each coyote, fox, or raccoon killed
3 in violation of **[subsection (a)] PARAGRAPH (1)** of this **[section] SUBSECTION**.

4 **(B) (1) TO MANAGE THE DEER POPULATION IN THE STATE, THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO SPONSOR, CONDUCT, OR PARTICIPATE IN A**
6 **CONTEST IN THE STATE THAT HAS THE OBJECTIVE OF KILLING A FEMALE DEER FOR**
7 **MONETARY REWARDS.**

8 **(2) REWARDS AWARDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
9 **SUBSECTION SHALL BE LIMITED TO THREE INDIVIDUALS PER CONTEST.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2022.