

# HOUSE BILL 481

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By: **Delegates Hutchinson, Adams, Anderton, Hartman, Otto, and Sample–Hughes**  
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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Antlerless Deer Hunting Programs – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to receive a raffle ticket for each antlerless deer  
4 hunted by the person during a certain raffle program that has as its objective the  
5 hunting of antlerless deer; and generally relating to antlerless deer hunting.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Natural Resources  
8 Section 10–404(e)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 10–404.

15 (e) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this  
16 subsection or § 10–512(a)(2)(ii) of this title, a person may not sell, offer for sale, barter, or  
17 exchange, at any time within the State any game bird or game mammal taken from the  
18 wild, in the State or in another state, territory, or country.

19 (2) The prohibitions of paragraph (1) of this subsection do not apply to the:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (i) Meat, pelt, carcass, or mounted specimen of any beaver, coyote,  
2 fisher, fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, or long-tailed weasel  
3 legally taken by the person;

4 (ii) Hide, hair, tail, or feet, excluding a mounted specimen of deer,  
5 squirrel, or rabbit legally acquired;

6 (iii) Feathers, skin, or feet, excluding a mounted specimen of upland  
7 and forest game birds legally acquired;

8 (iv) Except as prohibited by federal law, feathers of wetland game  
9 birds legally acquired; or

10 (v) Antlers of deer legally acquired in another state and  
11 manufactured into an article of commerce in another state.

12 **(3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**  
13 **PERSON MAY RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR EACH ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTED BY**  
14 **THE PERSON DURING A RAFFLE PROGRAM THAT:**

15 **(I) IS HELD DURING JANUARY;**

16 **(II) HAS AS ITS OBJECTIVE THE HUNTING OF ANTLERLESS**  
17 **DEER; AND**

18 **(III) WAS PREVIOUSLY HELD AT LEAST ONCE FROM JANUARY 1,**  
19 **2020, THROUGH JANUARY 30, 2024, INCLUSIVE.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2024.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.