

# Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

### Chapter 04 Forest Wildlife

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §10-408, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### .05 Devices for Hunting Deer and Black Bear.

*A. Only the following weapons may be used to hunt deer and black bear. All other weapon types are prohibited for hunting deer or black bear.*

[A.] *B. Bow.*

(1) – (3) (text unchanged)

(4) An individual may use a telescopic sight *or electronic aiming device* on a bow.

(5) – (6) (text unchanged)

[B.] *C. Firearms.*

(1) An individual may hunt deer and black bear only with the firearms in §[B]C(2)—[(5)](6) of this regulation, subject to the restrictions provided in §§[C]D and [D]E of this regulation.

(2) A rifle or shotgun propelling one [all-lead, lead alloy, or copper] soft-nosed or expanding bullet or ball at a single discharge which generates at least 1,200 foot-pounds of muzzle energy is allowed.

(3) (text unchanged)

(4) A muzzle loading rifle or muzzle loading shotgun, not less than .40 caliber and using not less than *the equivalent of* 60 grains of black powder, [or black powder equivalent,] or a single shot muzzle loading handgun or muzzle loading revolver of not less than .40 caliber with a minimum barrel length of 6 inches and using not less than *the equivalent of* 40 grains of black powder, [or a black powder equivalent,] propelling one [all-lead, lead alloy, or copper] soft-nosed or expanding bullet or ball at a single discharge, is allowed. Sabot loads are allowed.

(5) *An air gun that:*

(a) *Propels one .40 caliber or greater bullet or ball at a single discharge which generates at least 400 foot-pounds of muzzle energy; or*

(b) *Propels an arrow at least 18" in length with a minimum speed of 300 feet per second at release, uses an arrow with a sharpened broadhead with metal points and a minimum width of 7/8 inch, and has a working safety if the device is fired by a trigger.*

[(5)](6) (text unchanged)

[(6)](7) [During the deer muzzle loader season, a] *An individual may use a telescopic sight or electronic aiming device* on a [muzzle loading] firearm.

[C.] *D. Firearms—Restrictions.* In the counties listed below, an individual may not hunt deer with a rifle or handgun, although *an air gun*, a muzzle loading rifle, a muzzle loading shotgun, a muzzle loading handgun, or a muzzle loading revolver may be used:

(1) – (14) (text unchanged)

[D.] *E. – [F.] G.* (text unchanged)

#### .06 Wild Turkey Hunting.

A. – B. (text unchanged)

C. During the spring and winter turkey seasons a person may only hunt turkeys with *an air gun propelling an arrow*, a bow, or shotgun with shotgun shells loaded with shot size number 4 or smaller.

D. During the fall turkey season a person may only hunt turkeys with a rifle, handgun, bow, *air gun*, or shotgun with shotgun shells loaded with:

(1) – (2) (text unchanged)

E. (text unchanged)

### Chapter 05 Upland Game Birds and Mammals

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §10-408, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### .02 Devices for Hunting Upland Game.

A person may hunt mourning doves and woodcock with a bow, *an air gun propelling an arrow* or shotgun only. A person may hunt all other upland game with a bow, a rifle, or any other means not prohibited by these regulations. A person may not hunt upland game with any automatic loading or hand operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless the less the magazine is cut off or plugged with a solid, one-piece filler which cannot be removed from the loading end, so that the gun cannot hold more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined.

## Chapter 06 Furbearer Wildlife

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §10-408, Annotated Code of Maryland

### **.05 Devices for Hunting Furbearers.**

A. An individual may hunt coyote, fisher, gray fox, opossum, raccoon, red fox, or skunk, with [firearms,] *a firearm, air gun* or bow, during the established open hunting season.

B. – C. (text unchanged)