

HOUSE BILL 7

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By: **Delegate Luedtke**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Income Tax Credit – Venison Donation Expenses – Montgomery County Deer~~
3 ~~Donation~~ Income Tax Credit and Grant Program

4 FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility for a certain credit against the State income tax
5 for certain deer donation expenses to include an individual who hunts and harvests
6 an antlerless deer in Montgomery County and donates the deer carcass or processed
7 deer meat to a certain organization in Montgomery County; altering the definition
8 of “qualified expenses” to include costs incurred to hunt, harvest, and transport an
9 antlerless deer for donation to ~~certain organizations~~; a certain organization;
10 establishing a Venison Donation Grant Program in the Department of Natural
11 Resources; establishing the purpose of the Program; authorizing a county, municipal
12 corporation, or certain organization, subject to availability of certain funds, to apply
13 for a grant from the Program for the costs of butchering and processing certain deer;
14 requiring the Department to approve applications for grants in a certain manner;
15 defining a certain term; making a conforming change; providing for the application
16 and termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective dates of
17 this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for the donation of hunted
18 antlerless deer ~~to the Montgomery County Deer Donation Program~~ and the Venison
19 Donation Grant Program.

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – Tax – General

22 Section 10–746

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

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.



(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–101(a) and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–213

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Tax – General

10–746.

(a) In this section, “qualified expenses” means ~~expenses incurred to:~~

~~(1) HUNT AND HARVEST AN ANTLERLESS DEER;~~

~~(2) TRANSPORT A DEER CARCASS OR PROCESSED DEER MEAT TO A
VENISON DONATION PROGRAM IDENTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION; OR~~

~~(3) (1) EXPENSES INCURRED TO~~ butcher and process an antlerless
deer for human consumption; OR

(2) FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2020,
BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, EXPENSES INCURRED TO:

(I) HUNT AND HARVEST AN ANTLERLESS DEER IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY; AND

(II) TRANSPORT A DEER CARCASS OR PROCESSED DEER MEAT
TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEER DONATION PROGRAM.

(b) Subject to the limitations of this section, an individual who hunts and harvests
an antlerless deer ~~IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HUNTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS~~
may claim a credit against the State income tax for up to \$50 of the qualified expenses
incurred by the individual if ~~THE INDIVIDUAL:~~

(1) (I) ~~the hunting and harvesting of~~ ~~BUTCHERS AND PROCESSES~~
the deer ~~complies with State hunting laws and regulations~~; and

[(2)] (II) ~~the individual~~ donates the processed deer meat to a venison
donation program administered by an organization that is exempt from taxation under §
501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; OR

(2) ~~(I)~~ ~~HUNTS AND HARVESTS~~ THE INDIVIDUAL:

(I) RESIDES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY;

(II) SIGNS AN AFFIDAVIT AFFIRMING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL
HUNTED AND HARVESTED THE DEER IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN COMPLIANCE
WITH STATE HUNTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS; AND

~~(II)~~ (III) DONATES THE DEER CARCASS OR PROCESSED DEER
MEAT TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEER DONATION PROGRAM.

(c) (1) For any taxable year, the total amount of credits an individual may
claim under this section may not exceed \$200, unless the individual harvested each deer
for which the credits are claimed in accordance with a deer management permit.

(2) The unused amount of the credit for any taxable year may not be carried
over to any other taxable year.

(d) An individual who claims the credit under this section shall have the
immunity from liability described under § 5–634 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Article for donated food.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

10–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) “Department” means Department of Natural Resources.

10–213.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE VENISON DONATION GRANT
PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 **(B) THERE IS A VENISON DONATION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT.**

3 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO DEFRAY**
4 **THE COSTS OF BUTCHERING AND PROCESSING DEER THAT ARE DONATED TO**
5 **VENISON DONATION PROGRAMS IN THE STATE.**

6 **(D) SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE**
7 **PROGRAM, A COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS**
8 **EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE**
9 **MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE PROGRAM FOR THE COSTS OF BUTCHERING**
10 **AND PROCESSING DEER THAT:**

11 **(1) ARE HUNTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HUNTING LAWS AND**
12 **REGULATIONS;**

13 **(2) ARE DONATED TO A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE APPLICANT**
14 **THAT PROVIDES NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT OR FOOD FOR LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS**
15 **OR THE HOMELESS; AND**

16 **(3) HAVE A DRESSED WEIGHT OF AT LEAST 50 POUNDS.**

17 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM**
18 **THE PROGRAM ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.**

19 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall
20 take effect July 1, 2021, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after
21 December 31, 2020. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of the termination
22 provision specified in Section 3 of Chapters 172 and 173 of the Acts of the General Assembly
23 of 2018. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 1 of this Act, with no further
24 action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and
25 effect. ~~This~~ Section 1 of this Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that
26 termination provision.

27 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section
28 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.