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ANNOUNCES HOUSE BILL 1065

AUTHORIZING DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE LANDS ON SUNDAYS IN PRINCE GEORGE’S AND CALVERT COUNTIES

WHO: Delegate Justin D. Ross, Chief Deputy Majority Whip

WHAT: Delegate Ross and Delegate O’Donnell have introduced legislation to allow deer hunting on private lands with a bow and arrow on specified Sundays in Prince Georges and Calvert Counties.

WHY: The overpopulation of deer poses a safety risk for drivers throughout the state of Maryland. Deer routinely wander onto highways and local roads causing accidents and disrupting traffic. An accident with a deer can cause injury or even death to the driver and passengers, as well as thousands of dollars in damage to a car. According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, deer also cause a significant amount of crop damage to local farms.

House Bill 1065 would allow hunters extra days to hunt deer with bow and arrow during the already established deer hunting season. The additional hunting would thin the deer population, helping keep our roads and crops safe from an overabundance of deer in our state. This law affects Prince George’s and Calvert Counties. Similar laws are already on the books in other Maryland counties.

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