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CHAPTER 445
(Senate Bill 866)

AN ACT to add new Section 268A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Gunning," to follow immediately after Section 268 thereof, to require written permission or license from a landowner in Talbot County before a person is allowed to hunt on that land and providing penalties for violation thereof.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 268A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Gunning", to follow immediately after Section 268 thereof and to read as follows:

268A.

IN TALBOT COUNTY EVERY PERSON WHO HUNTS WITH GUN OR OTHER WEAPON UPON THE LANDS OF ANOTHER WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING WRITTEN PERMISSION OR LICENSE FROM THE OWNER OR POSSESSOR OF SAID LAND SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION FOR THE FIRST SUCH OFFENSE SHALL BE FINED BY THE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT NOT LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) OR MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00). IN THE EVENT OF ANY FAILURE TO PAY A FINE, FURTHER PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE HAD PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 38, SECTION 4. UPON THE SECOND OR ANY SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS FOR THE SAME OFFENSE, THE PERSON SHALL BE FINED NOT LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) OR MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PERSON OR PERSONS CONVICTED BY THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF CONVICTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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