

Chapter 432

(House Bill 686)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Wild Waterfowl Hunting

FOR the purpose of altering certain distances a person must be from shore when hunting wild waterfowl by certain methods in certain waters of St. Mary's County; and generally relating to hunting wild waterfowl in the waters of St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–604(d), 10–605(c), and 10–606(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–604.

(d) (1) ~~[(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A~~ person hunting wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom shall be at least 800 yards from shore including shore emerging at mean low water except in the waters of the Potomac River, in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats, in the waters of Harford [and], Baltimore, AND ST. MARY'S counties, or while hunting at a licensed stationary blind or blind site.

(2) A person hunting wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom shall be at least 400 yards from shore, including shore emerging at mean low water, in the following areas:

- (i) The waters of the Susquehanna Flats;
- (ii) The tidal waters of the Potomac River that the Department by regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a) of this section; and
- (iii) The waters of Harford [and], Baltimore, AND ST. MARY'S counties that the Department by regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a) of this section.

~~(3) WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, A PERSON HUNTING WILD WATERFOWL WHILE STANDING IN WATER ON THE NATURAL BOTTOM SHALL BE AT LEAST 800 YARDS FROM SHORE, INCLUDING SHORE EMERGING AT MEAN LOW WATER.~~

10-605.

(c) (1) ~~[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,~~ A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being sculled shall be at least 800 yards from shore including shore emerging at mean low water except in the waters of the Potomac River, in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats, in the waters of Harford [and], Baltimore, AND ST. MARY'S counties, in Conococheague Creek, and in the Monocacy River.

(2) A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being sculled shall be at least 400 yards from shore, including shore emerging at mean low water, in the following areas:

- (i) The waters of the Susquehanna Flats;
- (ii) The tidal waters of the Potomac River that the Department by regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a)(4) of this section; and
- (iii) The waters of Harford [and], Baltimore, AND ST. MARY'S counties that the Department by regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a)(4) of this section.

~~(3) WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, A PERSON HUNTING WILD WATERFOWL FROM A BOAT THAT IS DRIFTING OR BEING SCULLED SHALL BE AT LEAST 800 YARDS FROM SHORE, INCLUDING SHORE EMERGING AT MEAN LOW WATER.~~

10-606.

(d) (1) ~~[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,~~ A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is anchored shall be at least 800 yards from shore including shore emerging at mean low water except in the waters of the Potomac River, in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats, in the waters of Harford [and], Baltimore, AND ST. MARY'S counties, or unless anchored at a licensed offshore stationary blind or blind site.

(2) A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is anchored shall be at least 400 yards from shore, including shore emerging at mean low water, in the following areas:

- (i) The waters of the Susquehanna Flats;
- (ii) The tidal waters of the Potomac River that the Department by regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a)(4) of this section; and
- (iii) The waters of Harford [and], Baltimore, AND ST. MARY'S counties that the Department by regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a)(4) of this section.

~~(3) WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, A PERSON HUNTING WILD WATERFOWL FROM A BOAT THAT IS ANCHORED SHALL BE AT LEAST 800 YARDS FROM SHORE, INCLUDING SHORE EMERGING AT MEAN LOW WATER.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.