

# SENATE BILL 1061

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By: **Senator Conway**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2016

Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting – Statewide Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law that authorize Sunday deer hunting on  
4 private property in certain counties during certain times of the year under certain  
5 circumstances; authorizing a person to hunt deer on a Sunday, with certain  
6 exceptions, on private property during certain seasons and during certain times of  
7 the day; making conforming changes; making stylistic changes; and generally  
8 relating to Sunday deer hunting on private property in the State.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Natural Resources  
11 Section 10–410(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Natural Resources  
16 Section 10–410.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Natural Resources**

22 10–410.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs [(2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), and (9)] **(2)**  
2 **AND (3)** of this subsection **AND § 10-410.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE**, a person may not hunt  
3 any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

4 (2) The following persons may hunt the specified game birds and mammals  
5 on Sundays:

6 (i) A person using State certified raptors to hunt game birds or  
7 mammals during open season;

8 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to  
9 chase foxes;

10 (iii) Provided that the provisions of § 10-906(b)(3) of this title are  
11 met, a person:

12 1. Using a regulated shooting ground under § 10-906 of this  
13 title to hunt the following pen-reared game birds:

14 A. Pheasants;

15 B. Bobwhite quail;

16 C. Chukar partridge;

17 D. Hungarian partridge;

18 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

19 F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was permitted  
20 to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

21 2. Having the written permission of the owner of the land or  
22 other person designated by the owner of the land, if the land is owned or leased by a person  
23 other than the person hunting on Sundays;

24 (iv) [Subject to the provisions of § 10-411 of this subtitle, in Calvert,  
25 Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset,  
26 Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on private property with  
27 a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and  
28 the second Sunday in November;

29 (v)] In Calvert County, Caroline County, Charles County, Dorchester  
30 County, and St. Mary's County, a person hunting turkey on private property on any Sunday  
31 during the spring turkey hunting season; and

1                    [(vi)] (v)     In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public  
2 land that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the spring  
3 turkey hunting season.

4                    [(3)     Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert County,  
5 Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, Queen Anne’s County, St. Mary’s  
6 County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on private  
7 property on:

8                    (i)     The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November; and

9                    (ii)    Each Sunday in the deer firearms season.

10                   (4)     Provided that the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle are met and  
11 subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer  
12 on private property on the first Sunday of:

13                   (i)     The bow hunting season in November; and

14                   (ii)    The deer firearms season.

15                   (5)     The Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this  
16 subsection do not apply:

17                   (i)     In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George’s counties; and

18                   (ii)    In Baltimore City.

19                   (6)    (i)     This paragraph applies only in Carroll County.

20                   (ii)    Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department  
21 may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property from the first Sunday in  
22 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

23                   (7)     A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a firearm  
24 on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under § 10–405(a) of  
25 this subtitle.]

26                   [(8)] (3)     (i)     This paragraph applies only in Allegany County, Garrett  
27 County, and Washington County.

28                   (ii)    [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 10–410.1 OF THIS**  
29 **SUBTITLE,** THE Department may allow a person to hunt any game bird or game mammal,  
30 except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on a Sunday during the open season  
31 for that game bird or game mammal on:

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- 1                   1.     Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and  
 2                   2.     Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the  
 3 Department.

4                   [(9) (i)    This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

5                               (ii)   Subject to § 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a  
 6 person to hunt deer on a Sunday from the first Sunday in October through the second  
 7 Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive, on:

- 8                   1.     Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and  
 9                   2.     Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the  
 10 Department.]

11 **10–410.1.**

12                   **(A) (1) A PERSON MAY HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**  
 13 **WITH THIS SECTION.**

14                   **(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

15                               **(I) BALTIMORE CITY;**

16                               **(II) BALTIMORE COUNTY;**

17                               **(III) HOWARD COUNTY; AND**

18                               **(IV) PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

19                   **(B) (1) SUBJECT TO §§ 10–411 AND 10–415 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON**  
 20 **MAY HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH A BOW AND ARROW OR**  
 21 **CROSSBOW DURING ARCHERY SEASON IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:**

22                               **(I) ALLEGANY COUNTY;**

23                               **(II) GARRETT COUNTY; AND**

24                               **(III) WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

25                   **(2) SUBJECT TO §§ 10–411 AND 10–415 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON**  
 26 **MAY HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH A BOW AND ARROW OR**

1 CROSSBOW FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER THROUGH THE SECOND SUNDAY  
2 IN JANUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, INCLUSIVE, IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

3 (I) CARROLL COUNTY; AND

4 (II) FREDERICK COUNTY.

5 (3) SUBJECT TO §§ 10-411 AND 10-415 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON  
6 MAY HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH A BOW AND ARROW OR  
7 CROSSBOW DURING ARCHERY SEASON ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER  
8 AND THE SECOND SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

9 (I) CALVERT COUNTY;

10 (II) CAROLINE COUNTY;

11 (III) CHARLES COUNTY;

12 (IV) DORCHESTER COUNTY;

13 (V) HARFORD COUNTY;

14 (VI) QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;

15 (VII) ST. MARY'S COUNTY;

16 (VIII) SOMERSET COUNTY;

17 (IX) TALBOT COUNTY;

18 (X) WICOMICO COUNTY; AND

19 (XI) WORCESTER COUNTY.

20 (4) SUBJECT TO §§ 10-411 AND 10-415 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON  
21 MAY HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH A BOW AND ARROW OR  
22 CROSSBOW ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ARCHERY SEASON IN NOVEMBER IN THE  
23 FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

24 (I) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

25 (II) CALVERT COUNTY;

- 1 (III) CAROLINE COUNTY;
- 2 (IV) CECIL COUNTY;
- 3 (V) CHARLES COUNTY;
- 4 (VI) DORCHESTER COUNTY;
- 5 (VII) HARFORD COUNTY;
- 6 (VIII) KENT COUNTY;
- 7 (IX) MONTGOMERY COUNTY;
- 8 (X) QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;
- 9 (XI) ST. MARY'S COUNTY;
- 10 (XII) SOMERSET COUNTY;
- 11 (XIII) TALBOT COUNTY;
- 12 (XIV) WICOMICO COUNTY; AND
- 13 (XV) WORCESTER COUNTY.

14 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 10-411 AND 10-415 OF THIS  
15 SUBTITLE, A PERSON MAY HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY DURING  
16 DEER FIREARMS SEASON AND DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON FROM ONE HALF HOUR  
17 BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M. IN EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE.

18 (2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON  
19 WHO IS 16 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER MAY HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY WITH A  
20 FIREARM THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE JUNIOR DEER HUNT ESTABLISHED  
21 UNDER § 10-405(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

22 (D) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 10-415 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON  
23 MAY HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ON PUBLIC LAND THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR SUNDAY  
24 HUNTING BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

- 25 (1) ALLEGANY COUNTY;
- 26 (2) FREDERICK COUNTY;

1           **(3) GARRETT COUNTY; AND**

2           **(4) WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4   October 1, 2016.