

SENATE BILL 117

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By: **Senators Hershey and Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County and Dorchester County – Sunday Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in
4 Caroline County or Dorchester County to hunt a certain game bird or game mammal
5 on a Sunday on certain land during the open season for that game bird or game
6 mammal; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to Sunday
7 hunting in Caroline County and Dorchester County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–410(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 10–410.

17 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), and (9) of this
18 subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to
2 chase foxes;

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

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

7 A. Pheasants;

8 B. Bobwhite quail;

9 C. Chukar partridge;

10 D. Hungarian partridge;

11 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

17 (iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in Calvert,
18 [Caroline,] Carroll, Charles, [Dorchester,] Harford, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset,
19 Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on private property with
20 a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and
21 the second Sunday in November; **AND**

22 (v) In Calvert County, [Caroline County,] Charles County,
23 [Dorchester County,] and St. Mary’s County, a person hunting turkey on private property
24 on any Sunday during the spring turkey hunting season[; and

25 (vi) In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public land
26 that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the spring turkey
27 hunting season].

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

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

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

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

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

6 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

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

10 (ii) In Baltimore City.

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

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

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

18 (8) (i) This paragraph applies only in Allegany County, **CAROLINE**
19 **COUNTY, DORCHESTER COUNTY**, Garrett County, and Washington County.

20 (ii) The Department may allow a person to hunt any game bird or
21 game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on a Sunday during
22 the open season for that game bird or game mammal on:

23 1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and

24 2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the
25 Department.

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

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

30 1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and

1 2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the
2 Department.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2015.