

HOUSE BILL 655

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By: **Delegate Glass**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Sunday Hunting – Deer Bow Hunting Season**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property in Harford
4 County with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on a certain Sunday
5 in January, subject to certain provisions of law; and generally relating to hunting in
6 Harford County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 10–410(a)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Natural Resources
14 Section 10–410(a)(2)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 10–410.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to
4 chase foxes;

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

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

9 A. Pheasants;

10 B. Bobwhite quail;

11 C. Chukar partridge;

12 D. Hungarian partridge;

13 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

19 (iv) Subject to the provisions of [§] §§ 10–411 AND 10–415 of this
20 subtitle[, in]:

21 1. IN Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester,
22 [Harford,] Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties,
23 a person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open
24 season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November; AND

25 2. IN HARFORD COUNTY, A PERSON HUNTING DEER ON
26 PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH A BOW AND ARROW OR CROSSBOW DURING OPEN SEASON
27 ON:

28 A. THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER;

29 B. THE SECOND SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER; AND

1 **C. A SUNDAY IN THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY, AS**
2 **DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT;**

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

6 (vi) In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public land
7 that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the spring turkey
8 hunting season.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2015.