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House Bill 387 (Delegate Glass)
Environment and Transportation Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Archery Hunting - Safety Zone

This bill decreases the archery hunting safety zone size, in Harford County, from 100 yards to 50 yards from a dwelling, house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A person, other than the owner or occupant, may not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the “safety zone,” of a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by human beings without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant. Also, a person, other than the owner or occupant, may not shoot at any animal while it is within the safety zone without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

For archery hunters in Carroll and Frederick counties, the safety zone extends for 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by human beings. For archery hunters in Harford and Montgomery counties, the safety zone extends

for 100 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by human beings.

A person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal, may not shoot or discharge any firearm within 300 yards of a school during school hours or when a school-approved activity is taking place.

During any open hunting season, a person, other than the owner or occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any animal within the safety zone without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 673 of 2014 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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