

HOUSE BILL 516

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By: **Delegate Glass**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Harford
4 County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain
5 circumstances; requiring an archery hunter in Harford County to use a tree stand
6 when hunting any wild bird or mammal within a certain distance of a certain
7 building; and generally relating to archery hunting in Harford County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–410(g)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 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 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a
18 person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal may
19 not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the
20 “safety zone”, of a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it is within this area, without
2 the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

3 (2) A person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal, may not shoot or
4 discharge any firearm within 300 yards of a public or nonpublic school during school hours
5 or at a time when a school-approved activity is taking place.

6 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Carroll County [or], Frederick County,
7 **OR HARFORD COUNTY**, the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection
8 extends for 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or
9 camp occupied by human beings.

10 (ii) For archery hunters in [Harford County or] Montgomery County,
11 the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 100 yards from a
12 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

13 (4) During any open hunting season, a person, other than the owner or
14 occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any wild bird or mammal within the safety zone
15 without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

16 **(5) IN HARFORD COUNTY, AN ARCHERY HUNTER SHALL USE A TREE**
17 **STAND WHEN HUNTING ANY WILD BIRD OR MAMMAL WITHIN 50 TO 100 YARDS OF A**
18 **DWELLING HOUSE, RESIDENCE, CHURCH, PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, OR**
19 **OTHER BUILDING OR CAMP OCCUPIED BY HUMAN BEINGS.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.