

HOUSE BILL 313

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 **MC 10–17**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Montgomery
5 County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain
6 circumstances; requiring archery hunters in Montgomery County to use a tree stand
7 when hunting certain animals within a certain distance of certain buildings; and
8 generally relating to archery hunting in Montgomery County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 10–410(g)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 10–410.

18 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a
19 person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal may

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 not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the
 2 “safety zone”, of a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by
 3 human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it is within this area, without
 4 the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

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

8 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Calvert County, Carroll County,
 9 Frederick County, Harford County, **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, or St. Mary’s County, the
 10 safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a
 11 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

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

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

19 (5) In Harford County **OR MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, an archery hunter
 20 shall use a tree stand when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of a
 21 dwelling house, residence, church, public or nonpublic school, or other building or camp
 22 occupied by human beings.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 24 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.