2 EMERGENCY BILL

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By: Senator Mathias

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources -	- Hunting –	Deer Management	Permits
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- FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt deer under a Deer Management Permit on any Sunday throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing Deer Management Permits in Charles County and St. Mary's County; making certain conforming changes; altering a certain definition; making a certain stylistic change; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to hunting deer under a Deer Management Permit.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Natural Resources
- 11 Section 10–410(a)(1) and (2) and 10–415(d)(1) and (2)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 15 Article Natural Resources
- 16 Section 10–415(d)(3)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## 21 Article – Natural Resources

- 22 10-410.
- 23 (a) (1) Except as **OTHERWISE** provided in [paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8),
- 24 and (9) of this subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

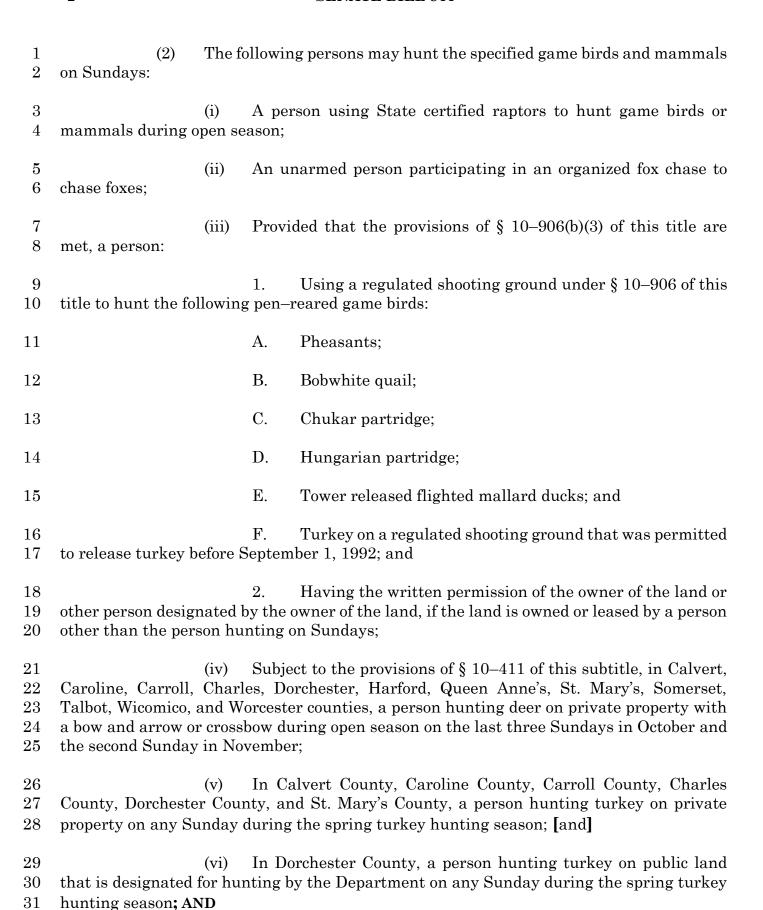
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 2 3	(VII) A PERSON HUNTING DEER UNDER A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT ON ANY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, INCLUDING ALL DEER HUNTING SEASONS.
4	10–415.
5 6 7	(d) (1) In this subsection, "Deer Management Permit" means a permit issued by the Department authorizing the holder <b>OR AN AGENT OF THE HOLDER</b> to hunt deer outside of deer hunting season for the purpose of preventing damage to crops.
8 9	(2) [(i)] In Charles County and St. Mary's County, an individual who [holds] HUNTS DEER UNDER a Deer Management Permit may:
10 11 12	[1.] (I) Use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit; and
13 14 15 16	[2.] (II) [If the individual leases] ON State land in Charles County or St. Mary's County LEASED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER for the purpose of cultivating crops, hunt deer on the LEASED land [leased by the individual] in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit.
17 18	[(ii) The Department may authorize an individual in Charles County or St. Mary's County to hunt deer on Sundays under a Deer Management Permit.]
19 20	(3) To protect public safety and welfare, the Department may restrict the lands on which an individual may hunt deer under a Deer Management Permit.
21 22 23	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to

each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is

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enacted.