

Chapter 458

(House Bill 312)

AN ACT concerning

Kent County – Deer Hunting – Sundays

FOR the purpose of establishing that the authority of the Department to allow deer hunting on certain Sundays does not apply in Kent County; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on private property on certain Sundays in Kent County, subject to certain provisions of law and certain time restrictions; and generally relating to deer hunting on private property on Sundays in Kent County.

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

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–410.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. Pheasants;
- B. Bobwhite quail;
- C. Chukar partridge;
- D. Hungarian partridge;
- E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and
- F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was permitted to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

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

(iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November;

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

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

(3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert County, Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, Queen Anne’s County, St. Mary’s County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on private property on:

- (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November; and
- (ii) Each Sunday in the deer firearms season.

(4) Provided that the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle are met and subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on private property on the first Sunday of:

- (i) The bow hunting season in November; and

(ii) The deer firearms season.

(5) ~~The~~ **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (10) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE** Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this subsection do not apply:

(i) In Baltimore, Howard, **KENT**, and Prince George’s counties; and

(ii) In Baltimore City.

(6) (i) This paragraph applies only in Carroll County.

(ii) Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

(7) A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a firearm on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under § 10–405(a) of this subtitle.

(8) (i) This paragraph applies only in Allegany County, Garrett County, and Washington County.

(ii) The Department may allow a person to hunt any game bird or game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or game mammal on:

1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and
2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the

Department.

(9) (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

(ii) Subject to § 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive, on:

1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and
2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the

Department.

(10) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN KENT COUNTY.

(II) SUBJECT TO §§ 10–411 AND 10–415 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A

PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THROUGHOUT ALL DEER HUNTING SEASONS.

(iii) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, DURING FIREARMS SEASON, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ONLY FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M.

2. THE TIME RESTRICTIONS UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY:

A. TO A PARTICIPANT IN THE JUNIOR DEER HUNT UNDER § 10-405(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

B. ON PRIVATE LAND ONLY ON ONE SUNDAY DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE FIREARMS SEASON.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.