

# SENATE BILL 94

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request  
– Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Requested: October 19, 2017

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: January 29, 2018

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Unprotected Birds – Pigeons**

3 FOR the purpose of adding “pigeon” to the defined term “unprotected bird” for the purposes  
4 of the wildlife and hunting laws of the State; prohibiting a person from shooting at a  
5 pigeon for certain purposes; making a technical correction; and generally relating to  
6 unprotected birds.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 10–101(a) and 10–401(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Natural Resources  
14 Section 10–101(u)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Natural Resources  
19 Section 10–410(q)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland

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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 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

4 **Article – Natural Resources**

5 10–101.

6 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (u) “Unprotected bird” means any English sparrow [and], PIGEON, OR European  
8 starling or any part, egg, offspring, or dead body of any of them.

9 10–401.

10 (a) Except for unprotected birds and game birds hunted during open season, a  
11 person may not hunt, destroy, or possess in any manner any wild bird within the State  
12 whether killed in the State or in any other state, territory, or country.

13 10–410.

14 **(Q) A PERSON MAY NOT SHOOT AT A PIGEON FOR AMUSEMENT OR AS A TEST**  
15 **OF SKILL IN MARKSMANSHIP, WHERE PIGEONS ARE MANUALLY OR WITH**  
16 **ELECTRONIC OR MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE LAUNCHED OR OTHERWISE**  
17 **IMMEDIATELY PRESENTED TO THE SHOOTER FROM A FIXED LOCATION WITHIN A**  
18 **PREDEFINED SHOOTING FIELD.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
20 1, 2018.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.