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A BILL ENTITLED

2	Natural Resources - Hunting - Sundays

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain prohibition against hunting on a Sunday and authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt on a Sunday on certain land; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer in a county for a half day on certain Sundays; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer in a county for a full day on certain Sundays in certain deer seasons; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; and generally relating to Sunday hunting.

- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 11 Article Natural Resources
- 12 Section 10–410(a)

AN ACT concerning

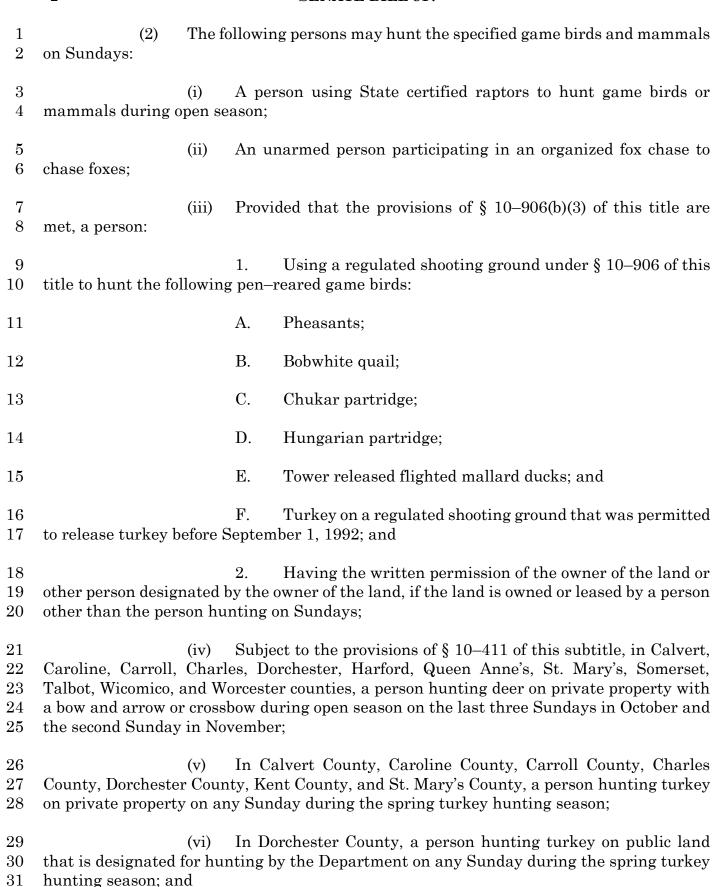
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- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
- 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 Article – Natural Resources

- 18 10-410.
- 19 (a) (1) [Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may not hunt 20 any game bird or mammal on Sundays] SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
- 21 SUBSECTION AND § 10-411 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A
- 22 PERSON TO HUNT ON SUNDAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OR ON PUBLIC LAND
- 23 DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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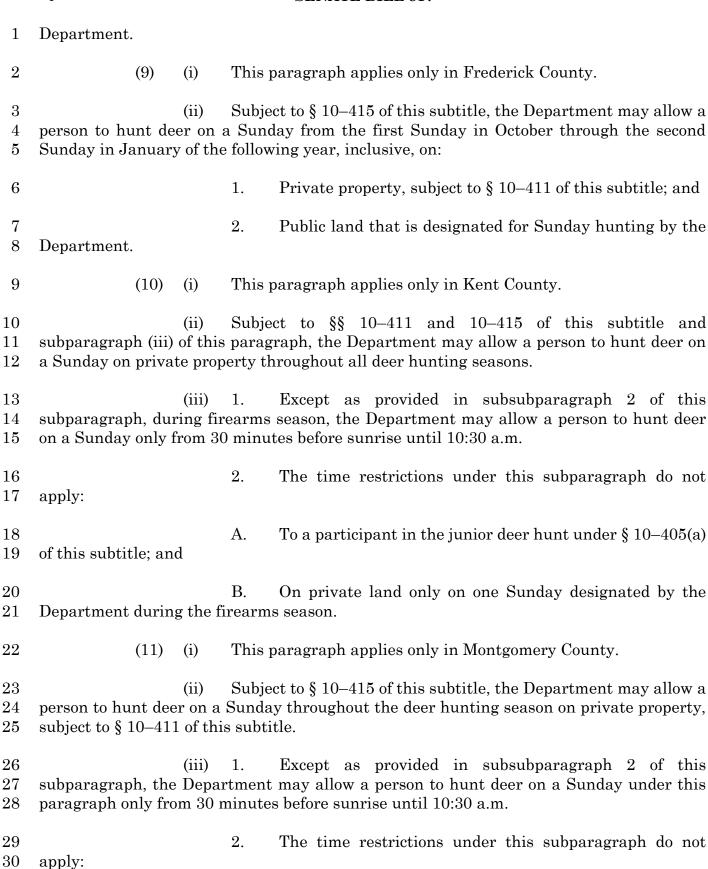
(vii) A person hunting deer under a Deer Management Permit on any

1 Sunday throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons. 2 Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert County, 3 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 4 property on: 5 6 (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November; and 7 Each Sunday in the deer firearms season. (ii) 8 **(4)** Provided that the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle are met and 9 subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on private property on the first Sunday of: 10 11 (i) The bow hunting season in November; and 12(ii) The deer firearms season. 13 (5)Subject to paragraphs (10) and (11) of this subsection, the Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this subsection do not apply: 14 15 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, and Prince George's 16 counties; and 17 In Baltimore City. (ii) 18 (6)(i) This paragraph applies only in Carroll County. 19 (ii) Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department 20may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property from the first Sunday in 21October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive. 22 A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a firearm 23 on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under § 10–405(a) of 24this subtitle. 25(8)(i) This paragraph applies only in Allegany County, Garrett County, 26 and Washington County. 27 The Department may allow a person to hunt any game bird or 28game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on a Sunday during 29 the open season for that game bird or game mammal on: 30 Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and 1.

Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the

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31 A. To a participant in the junior deer hunt under § 10–405(a) 32 of this subtitle;

$\frac{1}{2}$	B. On private land only on one Sunday designated by the Department during deer bow hunting season; and
3 4	C. On private land only on one Sunday designated by the Department during the firearms season.
5 6 7	(12) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON ANY ADDITIONAL SUNDAY IN A COUNTY FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ONLY.
8 9 10	(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON ANY ADDITIONAL SUNDAY IN A COUNTY FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET ON:
11	1. THREE SUNDAYS IN DEER FIREARMS SEASON;
12 13	2. Two Sundays in deer muzzleloader season; and
14	3. ALL SUNDAYS IN DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON.
15 16	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2018, the Department of Natural Resources shall adopt regulations to implement this Act.
17 18	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2018.