

# SENATE BILL 889

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Sunday Hunting – Deer Bow Hunting Season**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to  
4 hunt deer during the bow hunting season on certain property on certain Sundays in  
5 Dorchester County, subject to certain provisions of law; making a conforming change;  
6 and generally relating to Sunday deer hunting in Dorchester County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 10–410(a)(1)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Natural Resources

14 Section 10–410(a)(2)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Natural Resources

19 Section 10–410(a)(12)

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Natural Resources**

25 10–410.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may not hunt  
2 any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

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

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

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

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

13 A. Pheasants;

14 B. Bobwhite quail;

15 C. Chukar partridge;

16 D. Hungarian partridge;

17 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

18 F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was permitted  
19 to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

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

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

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

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

4 (vii) A person hunting deer under a Deer Management Permit on any  
5 Sunday throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons.

6 **(12) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN DORCHESTER COUNTY.**

7 **(II) SUBJECT TO § 10-415 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE**  
8 **DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY DURING THE BOW**  
9 **HUNTING SEASON FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER THROUGH THE SECOND**  
10 **SUNDAY IN JANUARY THE FOLLOWING YEAR, INCLUSIVE, ON:**

11 **1. PRIVATE PROPERTY, SUBJECT TO § 10-411 OF THIS**  
12 **SUBTITLE; AND**

13 **2. PUBLIC LAND THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR SUNDAY**  
14 **HUNTING BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
16 1, 2019.