

# HOUSE BILL 325

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By: **Delegate Mautz**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to  
4 hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from a certain Sunday in  
5 October through a certain Sunday in January, inclusive, in Talbot County;  
6 authorizing the Department to allow a ~~certain~~ person to hunt turkey on a ~~certain~~  
7 ~~Sunday in Talbot County if participating in a certain junior hunt~~ each Sunday of the  
8 spring turkey hunting season in Talbot County; authorizing a person to hunt deer  
9 ~~and turkey on certain public land in Talbot County under certain circumstances;~~  
10 making conforming changes; and generally relating to deer and turkey hunting in  
11 Talbot County on a Sunday.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Natural Resources  
14 Section 10–410(a)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 10–410.

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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 (a) (1) The Department may allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the  
2 game bird and game mammal seasons in:

- 3 (i) Allegany County;
- 4 (ii) Cecil County;
- 5 (iii) Garrett County;
- 6 (iv) St. Mary's County; and
- 7 (v) Washington County.

8 (2) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the  
9 deer hunting seasons from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in  
10 January, inclusive, in:

- 11 (i) Carroll County;
- 12 (ii) Dorchester County; [and]
- 13 (iii) Frederick County; **AND**
- 14 **(IV) TALBOT COUNTY.**

15 (3) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Department  
16 may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from 30  
17 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. in:

- 18 1. Kent County; and
- 19 2. Montgomery County.
- 20 (ii) The time restrictions under this paragraph do not apply:
  - 21 1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under  
22 this subtitle;
  - 23 2. On one Sunday designated by the Department during the  
24 deer firearms season;
  - 25 3. In Kent County, on each Sunday during the deer bow  
26 hunting season and the deer muzzle loader season; and
  - 27 4. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the  
28 Department during the deer bow hunting season.

1                   (4)    The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer  
2 firearms season:

3                   (i)    On each Sunday in:

- 4                           1.    Calvert County;
- 5                           2.    Caroline County;
- 6                           3.    Charles County;
- 7                           4.    Harford County;
- 8                           5.    Queen Anne’s County;
- 9                           6.    Somerset County; and
- 10                          7.    Worcester County;

11                  (ii)   On the first Sunday in[:

- 12                           1.]   Anne Arundel County; and
- 13                           [2.   Talbot County; and]

14                  (iii) In Wicomico County, on:

- 15                           1.    The first Sunday; and
- 16                           2.    The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until  
17 10:30 a.m.

18                   (5)    The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer bow  
19 hunting season on:

20                   (i)    The last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in  
21 November in:

- 22                           1.    Calvert County;
- 23                           2.    Caroline County;
- 24                           3.    Charles County;
- 25                           4.    Harford County;

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1 5. Queen Anne's County;

2 6. Somerset County;

3 7. [Talbot County;

4 8.] Wicomico County; and

5 [9.] 8. Worcester County; and

6 (ii) The first Sunday in November in Anne Arundel County.

7 (6) The Department may allow a person to hunt turkey on each Sunday of  
8 the spring turkey hunting season in:

9 (i) Calvert County;

10 (ii) Caroline County;

11 (iii) Carroll County;

12 (iv) Charles County;

13 (v) Dorchester County; ~~and~~

14 (vi) Kent County; **AND**

15 **(VII) TALBOT COUNTY.**

16 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Department  
17 may allow a person with a deer management permit to shoot deer on any Sunday  
18 throughout the year in accordance with the terms of the permit.

19 (8) The Department may allow a person using a State certified raptor to  
20 hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for the game birds  
21 or mammals.

22 (9) The Department may allow an unarmed person participating in an  
23 organized fox chase to chase foxes on Sunday.

24 (10) The Department may allow a person shooting pen-reared game birds  
25 or tower-released flighted mallard ducks to hunt on Sunday at a regulated shooting ground  
26 in accordance with § 10-906 of this title.

27 (11) The Department may allow a person who is 16 years old or younger to  
28 ~~hunt~~

1           ~~(I) HUNT~~ on Sunday if participating in a junior hunt established by  
2 the Department in accordance with this subtitle;~~AND~~

3           ~~(H) HUNT TURKEY ON ONE SUNDAY OF THE SPRING TURKEY~~  
4 ~~HUNTING SEASON IN TALBOT COUNTY IF PARTICIPATING IN A JUNIOR HUNT~~  
5 ~~ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.~~

6           (12) Except as provided in paragraphs (8) through (10) of this subsection and  
7 subject to paragraph (7) of this subsection, a person may not hunt on Sunday in:

8           (i) Baltimore City;

9           (ii) Baltimore County;

10          (iii) Howard County; or

11          (iv) Prince George's County.

12          (13) A person may not hunt migratory game birds on Sunday.

13          (14) A person may not hunt on public land within the State park system on  
14 Sunday.

15          (15) The Department may not allow a person to hunt on public land  
16 designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday except in:

17          (i) Allegany County;

18          (ii) Cecil County;

19          (iii) Garrett County;

20          (iv) St. Mary's County;

21          (v) Washington County;

22          (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting  
23 season; ~~and~~

24          (vii) Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in October  
25 through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive;~~AND~~

26          ~~(VIII) TALBOT COUNTY, FOR:~~

27           ~~1. DEER FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER~~

1 ~~THROUGH THE SECOND SUNDAY IN JANUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, INCLUSIVE;~~  
2 ~~AND~~

3 ~~2. TURKEY HUNTED DURING A JUNIOR HUNT UNDER~~  
4 ~~PARAGRAPH (11)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.