

HOUSE BILL 615

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Sunday Deer Hunting – Prince George's County**

3 **PG 402–21**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
5 hunt deer on certain Sundays of the deer hunting seasons in Prince George's County;
6 authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for
7 hunting on Sunday in Prince George's County; making conforming changes; and
8 generally relating to Sunday deer hunting in Prince George's County.

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

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 10–410.

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

20 (i) Allegany County;

21 (ii) Cecil County;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (iii) Garrett County;
- 2 (iv) St. Mary's County; and
- 3 (v) Washington County.

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

- 7 (i) Carroll County;
- 8 (ii) Dorchester County; [and]
- 9 (iii) Frederick County; AND

10 **(IV) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

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

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

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

- 27 (i) On each Sunday in:
- 28 1. Calvert County;

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

(ii) On the first Sunday in:

- 1. Anne Arundel County; and
- 2. Talbot County; and

(iii) In Wicomico County, on:

- 1. The first Sunday; and
- 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until

10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

1 (iv) Prince George’s County].

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

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

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

7 (i) Allegany County;

8 (ii) Cecil County;

9 (iii) Garrett County;

10 (iv) St. Mary’s County;

11 (v) Washington County;

12 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting
13 season; [and]

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

16 (VIII) PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2021.