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Testimony for Senate Bill 140
Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting - Sundays
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
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Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 140 – Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays.

Senate Bill 140 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow deer hunting on each deer on each Sunday of deer hunting season from the first Sunday in October to the second Sunday in January, as well as hunt turkey on each Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season during a junior hunt.

This legislation is similar to legislation which allows Sunday hunting on private property in Dorchester County during deer season from the first Sunday in October to the second Sunday in January. The legislation would also include Talbot County to hunt turkey on each Sunday of the spring turkey hunting Season.

In addition, Sunday hunting is permitted in during all deer seasons in:

- Carroll County
- Kent County
- Montgomery County

During deer firearm season Sunday hunting is permitted in:

- Calvert County
- Caroline County
- Charles County
- Harford County
- Queen Anne’s County
- Somerset County
- Worcester County

- Anne Arundel County
- Talbot County

During bow season, Sunday deer hunting is allowed on private property in:

- Calvert County
- Caroline County
- Charles County
- Harford County
- Queen Anne's County
- Somerset County
- Talbot County
- Wicomico County
- Worcester County

Sunday turkey hunting on private property is permitted in:

- Calvert County
- Caroline County
- Carroll County
- Charles County
- Kent County

As deer populations continue to grow, local residents have experienced increased agricultural damage. Regulated deer hunting remains the most cost-effective deer population control mechanism available. Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 140.

Best regards,



Senator Addie C. Eckardt

SUNDAY DEER HUNTING

SUNDAY DEER HUNTING 2021-2022 (FOR WHITE TAILED DEER AND SIKA DEER)

Sunday hunting is allowed only on these dates and times during these seasons

COUNTY	LANDS OPEN	ARCHERY SEASON												FIREARM SEASON			MUZZLELOADER SEASON							
		SEPT. 12	SEPT. 19	SEPT. 26	OCT. 3	OCT. 10	OCT. 17	OCT. 24	OCT. 31	NOV. 7	NOV. 14	NOV. 21	JAN. 2	JAN. 9	JAN. 16	JAN. 23	JAN. 30	NOV. 14 (JR. HUNT)	NOV. 28	DEC. 5	JAN. 9	DEC. 19	DEC. 26	
ALLEGANY	Private & Designated Public ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
ANNE ARUNDEL	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BALTIMORE	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CALVERT	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CAROLINE	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CARROLL	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CECIL	Private & Designated Public ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
CHARLES	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DORCHESTER	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FREDERICK	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GARRETT	Private & Designated Public ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
HARFORD	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HOWARD	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
KENT	Private Only	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
MONTGOMERY	Private Only	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²	Open ²
PRINCE GEORGES	None	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
QUEEN ANNE S	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ST. MARY S	Private & Designated Public ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
SOMERSET	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TALBOT	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WASHINGTON REGION A	Private & Designated Public ¹	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
WASHINGTON REGION B	Private Only	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
WICOMICO	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WORCESTER	Private Only	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

1 - Designated public lands open to Sunday hunting in Allegany, Cecil, Garrett, St. Marys' and Washington counties are: Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, C&D Canal Lands, Cunningham Swamp WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Earlvile WMA, Garrett State Forest (SF), Green Ridge SF, Grove Farm WMA, Indian Springs WMA, McCoolle FMA, Mount Nebo WMA, Old Bohemia WMA, Potomac SF, Prather's Neck WMA, Saint Ingoes SF, Salem SF, Savage River SF, Sideling Hill WMA and Warrior Mountain WMA.

2 - Legal shooting hours for deer are one half hour before sunrise to 10:30am on this Sunday (applies only to Kent, Montgomery and Wicomico counties where footnoted).