

HOUSE BILL 778

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By: **Delegates Hornberger, Buckel, Chisholm, Griffith, Hartman, and Tomlinson**
Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting – Migratory Game Birds**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt migratory game birds on Sundays; and
4 generally relating to Sunday hunting.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article – Natural Resources
7 Section 10–405(a)(1) and (2)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 10–410(a)(13)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 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 10–405.

19 (a) (1) Pursuant to § 10–205 of this title, the Department shall establish by
20 regulation and publish by July 1 each year the open season to hunt forest and upland game
21 birds and mammals.

22 (2) Except as provided under § 10–410 of this subtitle, the Department may
23 not authorize hunting on a Sunday.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 10-410.

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

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2024.