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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Hunting - Restriction in Residential Areas**

3 FOR the purpose of providing an exception for Baltimore County from the general
4 restriction on hunting within a safety zone of a certain size; authorizing the local
5 governing body of Baltimore County to establish a certain safety zone that does not
6 exceed a certain size within which a person may not shoot or discharge a firearm
7 while hunting; and generally relating to certain restrictions on hunting in residential
8 areas.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 10-410(g)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Natural Resources**

17 10-410.

18 (g) (1) [A]EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
19 A person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal
20 may not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known
21 as the "safety zone," of a dwelling house, residence, or other building or camp occupied
22 by human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it is within this area, without
23 the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant. During any open hunting
24 season, a person, other than the owner or occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any
25 wild bird or mammal within the safety zone without the specific advance permission of the
26 owner or occupant.

27 (2) IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MAY
28 ESTABLISH A SAFETY ZONE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 300 YARDS FROM A DWELLING
29 HOUSE, RESIDENCE, OR OTHER BUILDING OR CAMP OCCUPIED BY HUMAN BEINGS.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 1996.

