

ENROLLED BILL

-- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters --

Introduced by **Senator Colburn**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Wildlife - Hunting Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person in Dorchester County to hunt deer on *certain*
4 Sundays on private property with a bow and arrow during certain months;
5 prohibiting a person, while hunting any bird or mammal, from shooting or
6 discharging any firearm or other deadly weapon within a certain distance of a
7 church; and generally relating to restrictions on hunting.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Natural Resources
10 Section 10-410(a) and (g)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Natural Resources**

2 10-410.

3 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a
4 person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

5 (2) The following persons may hunt the specified game birds and
6 mammals on Sundays:

7 (i) A person using State certified raptors to hunt game birds or
8 mammals during open season;

9 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to
10 chase foxes; [and]

11 (iii) Provided that the provisions of § 10-906(b)(3) of this title are
12 met, a person:

13 1. Using a regulated shooting ground under § 10-906 of this
14 title to hunt the following pen-reared game birds:

15 A. Pheasants;

16 B. Bobwhite quail;

17 C. Chukar partridge;

18 D. Hungarian partridge;

19 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

20 F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was permitted
21 to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

22 2. Having the written permission of the owner of the land or
23 other person designated by the owner of the land, if the land is owned or leased by a
24 person other than the person hunting on Sundays; AND

25 (IV) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 10-411 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN
26 DORCHESTER COUNTY, A PERSON HUNTING DEER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH A
27 BOW AND ARROW DURING OPEN SEASON ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER
28 AND THE SECOND SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER.

29 (3) Provided that the provisions of § 10-415 of this title are met and
30 subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, the Department may allow a person to
31 hunt deer on private property on the first Sunday of:

32 (i) The bow hunting season in November; and

33 (ii) The deer firearms season.

1 (4) The Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (3) of this
2 subsection do not apply:

3 (i) In Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford,
4 Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties;
5 and

6 (ii) In Baltimore City.

7 (g) A person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild
8 bird or mammal may not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon
9 within 150 yards, known as the "safety zone," of a dwelling house, residence,
10 CHURCH, or other building or camp occupied by human beings, or shoot at any wild
11 bird or mammal while it is within this area, without the specific advance permission
12 of the owner or occupant. During any open hunting season, a person, other than the
13 owner or occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any wild bird or mammal within
14 the safety zone without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
16 effect October 1, 2005.