

HOUSE BILL 601

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By: **Delegates Bohanan, O'Donnell, and Wood**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Deer Hunting on Private Property - Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person in St. Mary's County to hunt deer on certain
4 Sundays on private property with a bow and arrow during certain months ~~and~~
5 ~~on a certain day during the deer firearms season~~; and generally relating to
6 hunting on private property on Sundays.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 10-410(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 10-410.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

7 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase
8 to chase foxes;

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

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

13 A. Pheasants;

14 B. Bobwhite quail;

15 C. Chukar partridge;

16 D. Hungarian partridge;

17 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

20 2. Having the written permission of the owner of the
21 land or other person designated by the owner of the land, if the land is owned or leased
22 by a person other than the person hunting on Sundays; ~~and~~

23 (iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10-411 of this subtitle, in
24 Dorchester County **AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY**, a person hunting deer on private
25 property with a bow and arrow during open season on the last three Sundays in
26 October and the second Sunday in November; ~~AND.~~

1 ~~(v) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 10-411 OF THIS~~
2 ~~SUBTITLE, IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, A PERSON HUNTING DEER ON PRIVATE~~
3 ~~PROPERTY;~~

4 ~~1. WITH A BOW AND ARROW DURING OPEN SEASON~~
5 ~~ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER AND THE SECOND SUNDAY IN~~
6 ~~NOVEMBER; AND~~

7 ~~2. ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE DEER FIREARMS~~
8 ~~SEASON.~~

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

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

13 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

16 (i) In Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Prince
17 George's, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties; and

18 (ii) In Baltimore City.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.