

# SENATE BILL 717

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By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County – Deer Hunting**  
3 **on Private Lands – Sundays**

4 FOR the purpose of removing Somerset County, Wicomico County, and Worcester  
5 County from the list of counties in which deer hunting on private lands on  
6 certain Sundays is prohibited; authorizing a person in Somerset County,  
7 Wicomico County, or Worcester County to hunt deer on certain Sundays on  
8 private property with a bow and arrow; and generally relating to deer hunting  
9 on private lands on Sundays.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 10–405(a)(2)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Natural Resources  
17 Section 10–410(a)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Natural Resources**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 10-405.

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

4 10-410.

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

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

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

11 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase  
12 to chase foxes;

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

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

17 A. Pheasants;

18 B. Bobwhite quail;

19 C. Chukar partridge;

20 D. Hungarian partridge;

21 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

1                   (iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in  
2 Dorchester [County], **SOMERSET, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES**, a  
3 person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow during open season on  
4 the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November.

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

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

9                   (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

12                  (i) In Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, **AND**  
13 Prince George's[, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester] counties; and

14                  (ii) In Baltimore City.

15                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 July 1, 2007.