

SENATE BILL 717

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By: **Senator Colburn**

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CHAPTER _____

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

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 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

4 **Article – Natural Resources**

5 10–405.

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

8 10–410.

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

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

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

15 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase
16 to chase foxes;

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

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

21 A. Pheasants;

22 B. Bobwhite quail;

23 C. Chukar partridge;

24 D. Hungarian partridge;

25 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

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

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

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

14 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

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

19 (ii) In Baltimore City.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.