

HOUSE BILL 663

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Deer Hunting on Private Property – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of removing certain restrictions on a person's ability to hunt deer on
4 certain Sundays on private property in Baltimore County under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to hunting on Sundays in Baltimore
6 County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 10–410(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 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.

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase
2 to chase foxes;

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

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

7 A. Pheasants;

8 B. Bobwhite quail;

9 C. Chukar partridge;

10 D. Hungarian partridge;

11 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

17 (iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in
18 **BALTIMORE**, Dorchester, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Washington, Wicomico, and
19 Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow
20 during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in
21 November.

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

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

26 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

29 (i) In [Baltimore,] Carroll, Frederick, Howard, and Prince
30 George’s counties; and

31 (ii) In Baltimore City.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2009.