

HOUSE BILL 129

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By: **Delegates Holmes, O'Donnell, and Beitzel**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Deer Hunting – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law authorizing a person to hunt
4 deer on private property in certain counties on certain Sundays under certain
5 circumstances; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a
6 person to hunt deer on private property in certain counties on certain Sundays
7 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to deer hunting on private
8 property on Sundays.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 10–410(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 10–410.

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

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

22 (i) A person using State certified raptors to hunt game birds or
23 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 Allegany, Calvert, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, St. Mary’s, Somerset,
19 Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on
20 private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the last
21 three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November; and

22 (v)] Except on Easter Sunday, in Allegany County and Garrett
23 County, a person hunting turkey on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in
24 May.

25 [(3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert
26 County, Charles County, and St. Mary’s County, a person may hunt deer on private
27 property on:

28 (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November;
29 and

30 (ii) Each Sunday in the deer firearms season.

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

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

5 (ii) The deer firearms season.

6 (5) The Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this
7 subsection do not apply:

8 (i) In Baltimore, Carroll, Howard, and Prince George’s counties;
9 and

10 (ii) In Baltimore City.]

11 **(3) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY IN BALTIMORE**
12 **CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, CARROLL COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY, OR PRINCE**
13 **GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

14 **(II) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 10–411 AND 10–415**
15 **OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON**
16 **PRIVATE PROPERTY FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER TO THE SECOND**
17 **SUNDAY IN JANUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, BOTH INCLUSIVE.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2011.