HOUSE BILL 144

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Dorchester County – Turkey Hunting on Private Property – Sundays**

3   FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property on certain
4   Sundays in Dorchester County; making this Act an emergency measure; and
5   generally relating to turkey hunting on Sundays.

6   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7   Article – Natural Resources
8   Section 10–410(a)
9   Annotated Code of Maryland
10   (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

14 10–410.

15   (a)   (1)   Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (6) of this
16 subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

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

21   (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase
22 to chase foxes;

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
           [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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

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

5   A.   Pheasants;

6   B.   Bobwhite quail;

7   C.   Chukar partridge;

8   D.   Hungarian partridge;

9   E.   Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

15   (iv)   Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in
16   Allegany, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, St. Mary's,
17   Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting
18   deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the
19   last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November; **[**and**]**

20   (v)   Except on Easter Sunday, in Allegany County and Garrett
21   County, a person hunting turkey on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in
22   May**; AND**

23   **(VI)   IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, A PERSON HUNTING TURKEY**
24   **ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON ANY SUNDAY DURING THE SPRING TURKEY HUNTING**
25   **SEASON**.

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

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

31   (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, Howard, and Prince George's counties; and

9   (ii)   In Baltimore City.

10   (6)   A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a
11 firearm on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under §
12 10–405(a) of this subtitle.

13   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
14 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
15 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members
16 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
17 the date it is enacted.