

# HOUSE BILL 144

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 105

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By: **Delegates Eckardt, Cane, and Haddaway-Riccio**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County and Dorchester County – Turkey Hunting on Private**  
3 **Property – Sundays**

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

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 2011 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), (3), (4), and (6) of this  
17 subsection, a 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:

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

3 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase  
4 to chase foxes;

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

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

9 A. Pheasants;

10 B. Bobwhite quail;

11 C. Chukar partridge;

12 D. Hungarian partridge;

13 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

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

24 (v) Except on Easter Sunday, in Allegany County and Garrett  
25 County, a person hunting turkey on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in  
26 May; AND

27 **(VI) IN CAROLINE COUNTY AND DORCHESTER COUNTY, A**  
28 **PERSON HUNTING TURKEY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON ANY SUNDAY DURING**  
29 **THE SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON.**

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

1 (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November;  
2 and

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

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

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

8 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

11 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George’s counties; and

12 (ii) In Baltimore City.

13 (6) A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a  
14 firearm on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under §  
15 10–405(a) of this subtitle.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.