

# HOUSE BILL 809

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Deer Hunting on Private Property – Sundays**

3 **PG 304–12**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person in Prince George's County to hunt deer on  
5 certain Sundays on private property during certain deer hunting seasons;  
6 removing Prince George's County from the list of counties in which deer hunting  
7 on private property on certain Sundays is prohibited; and generally relating to  
8 deer hunting on private property in Prince George's County 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 2011 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), (3), (4), and (6) 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;

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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;

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

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

26 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert  
27 County, Charles County, **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**, and St. Mary’s County, a  
28 person may hunt deer on private 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] **BALTIMORE**  
9 **AND HOWARD** counties; and

10                   (ii)    In Baltimore City.

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

14           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 July 1, 2012.