

# HOUSE BILL 877

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By: **Delegate Glass**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person in Cecil County to hunt deer on certain  
4 Sundays on private property using certain hunting equipment during certain  
5 months; and generally relating to hunting on private property 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:

13 **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:

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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, **CECIL**, 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.

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

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

32 (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 shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2012.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.