

## Chapter 725

(House Bill 1446)

AN ACT concerning

### **Somerset and Worcester Counties – Deer Hunting on Private Property – Sundays**

FOR the purpose of authorizing persons in Somerset County and Worcester County to hunt deer on certain Sundays on private property using certain hunting equipment during certain months; and generally relating to hunting on private property on Sundays in Somerset County and Worcester County.

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

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

#### **Article – Natural Resources**

10–410.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. Pheasants;
- B. Bobwhite quail;
- C. Chukar partridge;
- D. Hungarian partridge;
- E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and
- F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was permitted to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

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

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

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

(3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert County, Charles County, [and] St. Mary’s County, **SOMERSET COUNTY, AND WORCESTER COUNTY**, a person may hunt deer on private property on:

- (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November; and
- (ii) Each Sunday in the deer firearms season.

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

- (i) The bow hunting season in November; and
- (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

- (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George's counties; and
- (ii) In Baltimore City.

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.**