

HOUSE BILL 406

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CF SB 472

By: **Delegates Beitzel, K. Kelly, Myers, Parrott, and Serafini**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County, Garrett County, and Washington County – Sunday Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a
4 person in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County to hunt any
5 game bird or game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game
6 birds, on a Sunday on certain land during the open season for that game bird or
7 game mammal; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to
8 Sunday hunting in Allegany County, ~~and~~ Garrett County, and Washington
9 County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 10–410(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 10–410.

19 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), [and] (7), AND
20 **(8)** of this subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

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

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

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

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

11 A. Pheasants;

12 B. Bobwhite quail;

13 C. Chukar partridge;

14 D. Hungarian partridge;

15 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

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

27 (v) ~~Except on Easter Sunday, in Allegany County and Garrett~~
28 ~~County, a person hunting turkey on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in~~
29 ~~May;~~

30 ~~(vi)~~ In Calvert County, Caroline County, Charles County,
31 Dorchester County, and St. Mary's County, a person hunting turkey on private
32 property on any Sunday during the spring turkey hunting season; and

1 ~~(vii)~~ **(VI)** In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on
2 public land that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during
3 the spring turkey hunting season.

4 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert
5 County, Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, Queen Anne’s County, St.
6 Mary’s County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on
7 private property on:

8 (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November;
9 and

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

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

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

15 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

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

19 (ii) In Baltimore City.

20 (6) (i) This paragraph applies only in Carroll County.

21 (ii) Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the
22 Department may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property from
23 the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following
24 year, inclusive.

25 (7) A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a
26 firearm on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under §
27 10–405(a) of this subtitle.

28 **(8) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN ALLEGANY**
29 **COUNTY, GARRETT COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

30 **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT ANY**
31 **GAME BIRD OR GAME MAMMAL, EXCEPT MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS AND**

1 WETLAND GAME BIRDS, ON A SUNDAY DURING THE OPEN SEASON FOR THAT
2 GAME BIRD OR GAME MAMMAL ON:

3 1. PRIVATE PROPERTY, SUBJECT TO § 10-411 OF
4 THIS SUBTITLE; AND

5 2. PUBLIC LAND THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR SUNDAY
6 HUNTING BY THE DEPARTMENT.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.