

# HOUSE BILL 759

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**By: Calvert County Delegation**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Deer Hunting – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a  
4 person to hunt deer on private property on certain Sundays in Calvert County,  
5 subject to certain provisions of law; and generally relating to the regulation of  
6 deer hunting by the Department of Natural Resources.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 10–410(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 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), (6), and (7) 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, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford,  
21 Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester  
22 counties, a person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow  
23 during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in  
24 November;

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

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

1 (vii) In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public  
2 land that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the  
3 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 **CALVERT COUNTY AND**  
21 **Carroll County.**

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

26 (7) A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a  
27 firearm on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under §  
28 10–405(a) of this subtitle.

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