

HOUSE BILL 387

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By: **Delegate Glass**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Harford
4 County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Harford County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 10–410(g)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 10–410.

15 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a
16 person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal may
17 not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the
18 “safety zone”, of a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by
19 human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it is within this area, without
20 the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

21 (2) A person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal, may not shoot or
22 discharge any firearm within 300 yards of a public or nonpublic school during school hours
23 or at a time when a school–approved activity is taking place.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Carroll County or Frederick County, the
2 safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a
3 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

4 (ii) For archery hunters in [Harford County or] Montgomery County,
5 the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 100 yards from a
6 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

7 **(iii) FOR ARCHERY HUNTERS IN HARFORD COUNTY, THE**
8 **SAFETY ZONE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION EXTENDS FOR 75**
9 **YARDS FROM A DWELLING HOUSE, RESIDENCE, CHURCH, OR ANY OTHER BUILDING**
10 **OR CAMP OCCUPIED BY HUMAN BEINGS.**

11 (4) During any open hunting season, a person, other than the owner or
12 occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any wild bird or mammal within the safety zone
13 without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2015.