

HOUSE BILL 305

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, and Ghrist**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Kent County – Turkey Hunting on Private Property – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property on certain
4 Sundays in Kent County; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally
5 relating to Sunday turkey hunting in Kent County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 10–410(a)(1)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 10–410(a)(2)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 10–410.

20 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), and (9) of this
21 subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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 to
4 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 this
8 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 permitted
15 to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

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

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

24 (v) In Calvert County, Caroline County, Carroll County, Charles
25 County, Dorchester County, **KENT COUNTY**, and St. Mary's County, a person hunting
26 turkey on private property on any Sunday during the spring turkey hunting season; and

27 (vi) In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public land
28 that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the spring turkey
29 hunting season.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
31 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
32 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to

1 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
2 enacted.