

HOUSE BILL 310

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Deer Hunting – Sundays**

3 **MC 21–17**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
5 hunt deer on certain property during a certain time period on certain Sundays in
6 Montgomery County, subject to certain provisions of law; establishing that the
7 authority of the Department to allow deer hunting on certain Sundays does not apply
8 in Montgomery County; making certain conforming changes; providing for the
9 termination of this Act; and generally relating to Sunday deer hunting in
10 Montgomery County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 10–410(a)
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.

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 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), [and (9)] **(9)**,
2 **AND (10)** of this subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

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

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

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

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

13 A. Pheasants;

14 B. Bobwhite quail;

15 C. Chukar partridge;

16 D. Hungarian partridge;

17 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

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

28 (v) In Calvert County, Caroline County, Carroll County, Charles
29 County, 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 (vi) In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public land
2 that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the spring turkey
3 hunting season.

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

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

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

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

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

14 (ii) The deer firearms season.

15 (5) **[The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (10) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
16 Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this subsection do not apply:

17 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, **MONTGOMERY**, and Prince George’s
18 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 Department
22 may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property from the first Sunday in
23 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

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

27 (8) (i) This paragraph applies only in Allegany County, Garrett County,
28 and Washington County.

29 (ii) The Department may allow a person to hunt any game bird or
30 game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on a Sunday during
31 the open season for that game bird or game mammal on:

32 1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2022,
3 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
4 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.