

HOUSE BILL 312

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, and Ghrist**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Kent County – Deer Hunting – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of *establishing that the authority of the Department to allow deer hunting*
4 *on certain Sundays does not apply in Kent County*; authorizing the Department of
5 Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on private property on certain
6 Sundays in Kent County, subject to certain provisions of law *and certain time*
7 *restrictions*; and generally relating to deer hunting on private property on Sundays
8 in Kent County.

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

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article – Natural Resources**

4 10–410.

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

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

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

11 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to
12 chase foxes;

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

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

17 A. Pheasants;

18 B. Bobwhite quail;

19 C. Chukar partridge;

20 D. Hungarian partridge;

21 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

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

1 (v) In Calvert County, Caroline County, Carroll County, Charles
2 County, Dorchester County, and St. Mary's County, a person hunting turkey on private
3 property on any Sunday during the spring turkey hunting season; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

20 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, **KENT**, and Prince George's counties; and

21 (ii) In Baltimore City.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and
2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the

Department.

(9) (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

(ii) Subject to § 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive, on:

1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and
2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the

Department.

(10) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN KENT COUNTY.

(II) SUBJECT TO §§ 10–411 AND 10–415 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THROUGHOUT ALL DEER HUNTING SEASONS.

(III) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, DURING FIREARMS SEASON, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON A SUNDAY ONLY FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M.

2. THE TIME RESTRICTIONS UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY:

A. TO A PARTICIPANT IN THE JUNIOR DEER HUNT UNDER § 10–405(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

B. ON PRIVATE LAND ONLY ON ONE SUNDAY DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE FIREARMS SEASON.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.