

# HOUSE BILL 312

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

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

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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 2016 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 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), (7), (8), [and] (9), AND  
17 **(10)** of this 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 mammals  
19 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 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, and St. Mary's County, a person hunting turkey on private  
26 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 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert County,  
31 Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, Queen Anne's County, St. Mary's

1 County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on private  
2 property on:

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

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

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

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

9 (ii) The deer firearms season.

10 (5) The Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this  
11 subsection do not apply:

12 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George's counties; and

13 (ii) In Baltimore City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the  
28 Department.

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

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

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

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

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

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.