

HOUSE BILL 894

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By: **Wicomico County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County – Deer Hunting – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person in Wicomico County to hunt deer on private
4 property on certain Sundays; and generally relating to Sunday deer hunting in
5 Wicomico County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 10–410(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 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 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), and (9) of this
16 subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

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

21 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to
22 chase foxes;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

5 A. Pheasants;

6 B. Bobwhite quail;

7 C. Chukar partridge;

8 D. Hungarian partridge;

9 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

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

20 (v) In Calvert County, Caroline County, Carroll County, Charles
21 County, Dorchester County, and St. Mary’s County, a person hunting turkey on private
22 property on any Sunday during the spring turkey hunting season; and

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

26 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert County,
27 Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, Queen Anne’s County, St. Mary’s
28 County, Somerset County, **WICOMICO COUNTY**, and Worcester County, a person may
29 hunt deer on private property on:

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

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

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

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

5 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

8 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George’s counties; and

9 (ii) In Baltimore City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the
24 Department.

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

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

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

30 2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the
31 Department.

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