

HOUSE BILL 1429

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in certain
4 counties to establish that the safety zone within which archery hunting may not take
5 place except under certain circumstances is a certain size statewide; and generally
6 relating to safety zones for archery hunters.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 10–410(g)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 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 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a
17 person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal may
18 not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the
19 “safety zone”, of a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by
20 human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it is within this area, without
21 the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

22 (2) A person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal, may not shoot or
23 discharge any firearm within 300 yards of a public or nonpublic school during school hours
24 or at a time when a school–approved activity is taking place.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) [(i)] For archery hunters [in Calvert County, Carroll County,
2 Frederick County, Harford County, Montgomery County, or St. Mary's County], the safety
3 zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a dwelling
4 house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

5 (ii) For archery hunters in Anne Arundel County, the safety zone
6 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 100 yards from a dwelling house,
7 residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.]

8 (4) During any open hunting season, a person, other than the owner or
9 occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any wild bird or mammal within the safety zone
10 without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

11 (5) In Harford County or Montgomery County, an archery hunter shall use
12 a tree stand when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of a dwelling
13 house, residence, church, public or nonpublic school, or other building or camp occupied by
14 human beings.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2018.