

HOUSE BILL 618

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By: **Delegate Adams**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Sunday Hunting – Deer Bow Hunting Season**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
4 hunt deer on private property during the bow hunting season ~~on certain property~~ on
5 certain Sundays in Dorchester County, subject to certain provisions of law; making
6 a conforming change; and generally relating to Sunday deer hunting in Dorchester
7 County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–410(a)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Natural Resources
15 Section 10–410(a)(2)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Natural Resources
20 Section 10–410(a)(12)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 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.



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 otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may not hunt
6 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

1 a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and
2 the second Sunday in November;

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

6 (vi) In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public land
7 that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the spring turkey
8 hunting season; and

9 (vii) A person hunting deer under a Deer Management Permit on any
10 Sunday throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons.

11 (12) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN DORCHESTER COUNTY.

12 (II) SUBJECT TO ~~§ §§ 10-411 AND 10-415~~ OF THIS SUBTITLE,
13 THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
14 ON A SUNDAY DURING THE BOW HUNTING SEASON FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN
15 OCTOBER THROUGH THE SECOND SUNDAY IN JANUARY THE FOLLOWING YEAR,
16 INCLUSIVE, ~~ON:~~

17 ~~1. PRIVATE PROPERTY, SUBJECT TO § 10-411 OF THIS~~
18 ~~SUBTITLE; AND~~

19 ~~2. PUBLIC LAND THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR SUNDAY~~
20 ~~HUNTING BY THE DEPARTMENT.~~

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.