

SENATE BILL 390

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By: **Senators Bailey, Carozza, Eckardt, Edwards, Hershey, Hough, Ready, Salling, and Serafini**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting – Deer**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
4 hunt deer on a Sunday throughout the deer hunting season on public land designated
5 by the Department or private property, subject to certain requirements and
6 limitations; and generally relating to Sunday deer hunting.

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 2018 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 otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may not hunt
17 any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to
2 chase foxes;

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

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

7 A. Pheasants;

8 B. Bobwhite quail;

9 C. Chukar partridge;

10 D. Hungarian partridge;

11 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
32 County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on private
33 property on:

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

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

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

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

7 (ii) The deer firearms season.

8 (5) Subject to paragraphs (10) and (11) of this subsection, the Sunday deer
9 hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this subsection do not apply:

10 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, and Prince George's
11 counties; and

12 (ii) In Baltimore City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (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 and
9 subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on
10 a Sunday on private property throughout all deer hunting seasons.

11 (iii) 1. Except as provided in subsubparagraph 2 of this
12 subparagraph, during firearms season, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer
13 on a Sunday only from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.

14 2. The time restrictions under this subparagraph do not
15 apply:

16 A. To a participant in the junior deer hunt under § 10–405(a)
17 of this subtitle; and

18 B. On private land only on one Sunday designated by the
19 Department during the firearms season.

20 (11) (i) This paragraph applies only in Montgomery County.

21 (ii) Subject to § 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a
22 person to hunt deer on a Sunday throughout the deer hunting season on private property,
23 subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle.

24 (iii) 1. Except as provided in subsubparagraph 2 of this
25 subparagraph, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday under this
26 paragraph only from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.

27 2. The time restrictions under this subparagraph do not
28 apply:

29 A. To a participant in the junior deer hunt under § 10–405(a)
30 of this subtitle;

31 B. On private land only on one Sunday designated by the
32 Department during deer bow hunting season; and

1 C. On private land only on one Sunday designated by the
2 Department during the firearms season.

3 **(12) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS OTHERWISE**
4 **PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT**
5 **DEER ON A SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE DEER HUNTING SEASON ON PUBLIC LAND**
6 **DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2019.