

SENATE BILL 356

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By: **Senator Bailey**

Requested: October 8, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Sunday Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
4 hunt on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal season in Calvert County;
5 authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for
6 hunting by the Department on Sunday in Calvert County; making conforming
7 changes; and generally relating to hunting in Calvert County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–410(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 10–410.

17 (a) (1) The Department may allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the
18 game bird and game mammal seasons in:

19 (i) Allegany County;

20 (ii) **CALVERT COUNTY;**

21 (iii) Cecil County;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 ~~[(iii)] (IV)~~ Garrett County;
- 2 ~~[(iv)] (V)~~ St. Mary's County; and
- 3 ~~[(v)] (VI)~~ Washington County.

4 (2) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the
5 deer hunting seasons from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in
6 January, inclusive, in:

- 7 (i) Carroll County;
- 8 (ii) Dorchester County; and
- 9 (iii) Frederick County.

10 (3) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Department
11 may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from 30
12 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. in:

- 13 1. Kent County; and
- 14 2. Montgomery County.
- 15 (ii) The time restrictions under this paragraph do not apply:
- 16 1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under
17 this subtitle;
- 18 2. On one Sunday designated by the Department during the
19 deer firearms season;
- 20 3. In Kent County, on each Sunday during the deer bow
21 hunting season and the deer muzzle loader season; and
- 22 4. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the
23 Department during the deer bow hunting season.

24 (4) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer
25 firearms season:

- 26 (i) On each Sunday in:
- 27 1. [Calvert County;
- 28 2.] Caroline County;

1 [3.] 2. Charles County;

2 [4.] 3. Harford County;

3 [5.] 4. Queen Anne's County;

4 [6.] 5. Somerset County; and

5 [7.] 6. Worcester County;

6 (ii) On the first Sunday in:

7 1. Anne Arundel County; and

8 2. Talbot County; and

9 (iii) In Wicomico County, on:

10 1. The first Sunday; and

11 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until

12 10:30 a.m.

13 (5) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer bow
14 hunting season on:

15 (i) The last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in
16 November in:

17 1. [Calvert County;

18 2.] Caroline County;

19 [3.] 2. Charles County;

20 [4.] 3. Harford County;

21 [5.] 4. Queen Anne's County;

22 [6.] 5. Somerset County;

23 [7.] 6. Talbot County;

24 [8.] 7. Wicomico County; and

1 [9.] 8. Worcester County; and

2 (ii) The first Sunday in November in Anne Arundel County.

3 (6) The Department may allow a person to hunt turkey on each Sunday of
4 the spring turkey hunting season in:

5 (i) [Calvert County;

6 (ii)] Caroline County;

7 [(iii)] (II) Carroll County;

8 [(iv)] (III) Charles County;

9 [(v)] (IV) Dorchester County; and

10 [(vi)] (V) Kent County.

11 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Department
12 may allow a person with a deer management permit to shoot deer on any Sunday
13 throughout the year in accordance with the terms of the permit.

14 (8) The Department may allow a person using a State certified raptor to
15 hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for the game birds
16 or mammals.

17 (9) The Department may allow an unarmed person participating in an
18 organized fox chase to chase foxes on Sunday.

19 (10) The Department may allow a person shooting pen-reared game birds
20 or tower-released flighted mallard ducks to hunt on Sunday at a regulated shooting ground
21 in accordance with § 10-906 of this title.

22 (11) The Department may allow a person who is 16 years old or younger to
23 hunt on Sunday if participating in a junior hunt established by the Department in
24 accordance with this subtitle.

25 (12) Except as provided in paragraphs (8) through (10) of this subsection and
26 subject to paragraph (7) of this subsection, a person may not hunt on Sunday in:

27 (i) Baltimore City;

28 (ii) Baltimore County;

29 (iii) Howard County; or

1 (iv) Prince George's County.

2 (13) A person may not hunt migratory game birds on Sunday.

3 (14) A person may not hunt on public land within the State park system on
4 Sunday.

5 (15) The Department may not allow a person to hunt on public land
6 designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday except in:

7 (i) Allegany County;

8 (ii) **CALVERT COUNTY;**

9 **(III)** Cecil County;

10 **[(iii)] (IV)** Garrett County;

11 **[(iv)] (V)** St. Mary's County;

12 **[(v)] (VI)** Washington County;

13 **[(vi)] (VII)** Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey
14 hunting season; and

15 **[(vii)] (VIII)** Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in
16 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2021.