

# SENATE BILL 475

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to  
4 hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from a certain Sunday in  
5 October through a certain Sunday in January, inclusive, in Talbot County;  
6 authorizing the Department to allow a certain person to hunt turkey on a certain  
7 Sunday in Talbot County if participating in a certain junior hunt; authorizing a  
8 person to hunt deer and turkey on certain public land in Talbot County under certain  
9 circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to deer and  
10 turkey hunting in Talbot County on a Sunday.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Natural Resources  
13 Section 10–410(a)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 10–410.

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

22 (i) Allegany County;

23 (ii) Cecil County;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (iii) Garrett County;
- 2 (iv) St. Mary's County; and
- 3 (v) 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; AND
- 10 **(IV) TALBOT COUNTY.**

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

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

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

- 27 (i) On each Sunday in:
- 28 1. Calvert County;

- 2. Caroline County;
- 3. Charles County;
- 4. Harford County;
- 5. Queen Anne’s County;
- 6. Somerset County; and
- 7. Worcester County;

(ii) On the first Sunday in[:

- 1.] Anne Arundel County; and
- [2. Talbot County; and]

(iii) In Wicomico County, on:

- 1. The first Sunday; and
- 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until

10:30 a.m.

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

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

- 1. Calvert County;
- 2. Caroline County;
- 3. Charles County;
- 4. Harford County;
- 5. Queen Anne’s County;
- 6. Somerset County;
- 7. [Talbot County;
- 8.] 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) Carroll County;

8 (iv) Charles County;

9 (v) Dorchester County; and

10 (vi) 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]:

24 (I) HUNT on Sunday if participating in a junior hunt established by  
25 the Department in accordance with this subtitle; AND

26 (II) HUNT TURKEY ON ONE SUNDAY OF THE SPRING TURKEY  
27 HUNTING SEASON IN TALBOT COUNTY IF PARTICIPATING IN A JUNIOR HUNT  
28 ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

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

1 (i) Baltimore City;

2 (ii) Baltimore County;

3 (iii) Howard County; or

4 (iv) Prince George's County.

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

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

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

10 (i) Allegany County;

11 (ii) Cecil County;

12 (iii) Garrett County;

13 (iv) St. Mary's County;

14 (v) Washington County;

15 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting  
16 season; [and]

17 (vii) Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in October  
18 through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive; AND

19 **(VIII) TALBOT COUNTY, FOR:**

20 **1. DEER FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER**  
21 **THROUGH THE SECOND SUNDAY IN JANUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, INCLUSIVE;**  
22 **AND**

23 **2. TURKEY HUNTED DURING A JUNIOR HUNT UNDER**  
24 **PARAGRAPH (11)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
26 1, 2021.