

HOUSE BILL 51

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegate Mautz**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

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 *during certain time periods* on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons
5 ~~from a certain Sunday in October through a certain Sunday in January, inclusive,~~ in
6 Talbot County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt turkey *during*
7 *certain time periods* on each Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season in Talbot
8 County; and generally relating to deer and turkey hunting in Talbot County on a
9 Sunday.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 10–410(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

- 7 (i) Allegany County;
- 8 (ii) Cecil County;
- 9 (iii) Garrett County;
- 10 (iv) St. Mary’s County; and
- 11 (v) Washington County.

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

- 15 (i) Carroll County;
- 16 (ii) Dorchester County; ~~and~~
- 17 (iii) Frederick County; ~~AND~~
- 18 ~~(iv) TALBOT COUNTY.~~

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

- 22 1. Kent County; ~~and~~
- 23 2. Montgomery County; AND
- 24 3. TALBOT COUNTY.

25 (ii) The time restrictions under this paragraph do not apply:

- 1 To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under
 2 this subtitle;
- 3 1. On one Sunday designated by the Department during the
 4 deer firearms season;
- 5 2. In Kent County, on each Sunday during the deer bow
 6 hunting season and the deer muzzle loader season; ~~and~~
- 7 3. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the
 8 Department during the deer bow hunting season; AND

9 **5. IN TALBOT COUNTY, ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS**
 10 **IN OCTOBER AND THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER DURING THE BOW**
 11 **HUNTING SEASON.**

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

- 14 (i) On each Sunday in:
- 15 1. Calvert County;
- 16 2. Caroline County;
- 17 3. Charles County;
- 18 4. Harford County;
- 19 5. Queen Anne’s County;
- 20 6. Somerset County; and
- 21 7. Worcester County;
- 22 (ii) On the first Sunday in[:
- 23 1.] Anne Arundel County; and
- 24 [2. Talbot County; and]
- 25 (iii) In Wicomico County, on:
- 26 1. The first Sunday; and

1 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until
2 10:30 a.m.

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

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

7 1. Calvert County;

8 2. Caroline County;

9 3. Charles County;

10 4. Harford County;

11 5. Queen Anne's County;

12 6. Somerset County;

13 7. [Talbot County;

14 8.] Wicomico County; and

15 [9.] 8. Worcester County; and

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

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

19 (i) Calvert County;

20 (ii) Caroline County;

21 (iii) Carroll County;

22 (iv) Charles County;

23 (v) Dorchester County; [and]

24 (vi) Kent County; AND

25 (VII) TALBOT COUNTY, FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE
26 UNTIL 10:30 A.M.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 17 (i) Baltimore City;
- 18 (ii) Baltimore County;
- 19 (iii) Howard County; or
- 20 (iv) Prince George's County.

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

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

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

- 26 (i) Allegany County;
- 27 (ii) Cecil County;
- 28 (iii) Garrett County;
- 29 (iv) St. Mary's County;

- 1 (v) Washington County;
- 2 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting
- 3 season; and
- 4 (vii) Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in October
- 5 through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 7 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.