

# HOUSE BILL 143

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## ENROLLED BILL

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

Introduced by **Delegate Otto**

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.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

#### 2 **Somerset County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in  
4 Somerset County to hunt on private property ~~on each Sunday~~ *during a certain time*  
5 *period on certain Sundays* of the game bird or game mammal seasons; establishing  
6 an exception to the prohibition against the Department authorizing Sunday hunting  
7 on public land for public land in Somerset County leased to a hunt club *during a*  
8 *certain time period on certain Sundays*; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in  
9 Somerset County.

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)

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

7 ~~(i)~~ **1.** Allegany County;

8 ~~(ii)~~ **2.** Cecil County;

9 ~~(iii)~~ **3.** Garrett County;

10 ~~(iv)~~ **4.** St. Mary's County; [and]

11 ~~(v)~~ **5. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
12 **PARAGRAPH, SOMERSET COUNTY, FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30**  
13 **A.M.; AND**

14 ~~(vi)~~ **6.** Washington County.

15 **(II) THE TIME RESTRICTIONS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)5 OF**  
16 **THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY:**

17 **1. ON EACH SUNDAY OF THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON;**  
18 **AND**

19 **2. ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER AND THE**  
20 **FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER OF THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON.**

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

24 (i) Carroll County;

25 (ii) Dorchester County; and

26 (iii) Frederick County.



1 (iii) In Wicomico County, on:

2 1. The first Sunday; and

3 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until  
4 10:30 a.m.

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

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

9 1. Calvert County;

10 2. Caroline County;

11 3. Charles County;

12 4. Harford County;

13 5. Queen Anne's County;

14 6. [Somerset County;

15 7.] Talbot County;

16 [8.] 7. Wicomico County; and

17 [9.] 8. Worcester County; and

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

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

21 (i) Calvert County;

22 (ii) Caroline County;

23 (iii) Carroll County;

24 (iv) Charles County;

25 (v) Dorchester County; and

1 (vi) Kent County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (i) Baltimore City;

19 (ii) Baltimore County;

20 (iii) Howard County; or

21 (iv) Prince George's County.

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

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

25 (15) **(1)** The Department may not allow a person to hunt on public land  
26 designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday except in:

27 ~~(i)~~ **1.** Allegany County;

28 ~~(ii)~~ **2.** Cecil County;

29 ~~(iii)~~ **3.** Garrett County;

1                   ~~(iv)~~ 4.    St. Mary's County;  
 2                   ~~(v)~~   5.    Washington County;  
 3                   ~~(vi)~~   6.    Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey  
 4 hunting season; [and]

5                   ~~(vii)~~ 7.    Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in  
 6 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive; AND

7                   ~~(viii)~~ 8.    SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
 8 PARAGRAPH, SOMERSET COUNTY, ON PUBLIC LAND LEASED TO A HUNT CLUB FROM  
 9 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M.

10                   (II) THE TIME RESTRICTIONS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)8 OF  
 11 THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY:

12                                   1.    ON EACH SUNDAY OF THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON;  
 13 AND

14                                   2.    ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER AND THE  
 15 FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER OF THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON.

16                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
 17 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.