

HOUSE BILL 556

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By: **Delegates Arentz, Ghrist, and Jacobs**
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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne’s County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in
4 Queen Anne’s County to hunt any game bird or game mammal on a Sunday during
5 the open season for that game bird or game mammal; and generally relating to
6 Sunday hunting in Queen Anne’s County.

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 2021 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) The Department may allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the
17 game bird and game mammal seasons in:

18 (i) Allegany County;

19 (ii) Cecil County;

20 (iii) Garrett County;

21 (iv) **QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (v) St. Mary's County; and

2 [(v)] (vi) Washington County.

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

6 (i) Carroll County;

7 (ii) Dorchester County; and

8 (iii) Frederick County.

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

12 1. Kent County; and

13 2. Montgomery County.

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

15 1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under
16 this subtitle;

17 2. On one Sunday designated by the Department during the
18 deer firearms season;

19 3. In Kent County, on each Sunday during the deer bow
20 hunting season and the deer muzzle loader season; and

21 4. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the
22 Department during the deer bow hunting season.

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

25 (i) On each Sunday in:

26 1. Calvert County;

27 2. Caroline County;

28 3. Charles County;

1 4. Harford County;

2 5. [Queen Anne's County;

3 6.] Somerset County; and

4 [7.] 6. Worcester County;

5 (ii) On the first Sunday in:

6 1. Anne Arundel County; and

7 2. Talbot County; and

8 (iii) In Wicomico County, on:

9 1. The first Sunday; and

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

11 10:30 a.m.

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

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

16 1. Calvert County;

17 2. Caroline County;

18 3. Charles County;

19 4. Harford County;

20 5. [Queen Anne's County;

21 6.] Somerset County;

22 [7.] 6. Talbot County;

23 [8.] 7. Wicomico County; and

24 [9.] 8. Worcester County; and

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

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

4 (i) Calvert County;

5 (ii) Caroline County;

6 (iii) Carroll County;

7 (iv) Charles County;

8 (v) Dorchester County; and

9 (vi) Kent County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (i) Baltimore City;

27 (ii) Baltimore County;

28 (iii) Howard County; or

29 (iv) Prince George's County.

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

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

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

6 (i) Allegany County;

7 (ii) Cecil County;

8 (iii) Garrett County;

9 (iv) St. Mary's County;

10 (v) Washington County;

11 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting
12 season; and

13 (vii) Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in October
14 through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

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