

HOUSE BILL 556

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Queen~~ **Caroline County and Queen Anne's County – Natural Resources – Sunday**
3 **Hunting**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in
5 Caroline County and Queen Anne's County to hunt any game bird or game mammal
6 on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or game mammal; and
7 generally relating to Sunday hunting in Caroline County and Queen Anne's 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 2021 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;

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.



- 1 (ii) **CAROLINE COUNTY;**
 2 **(III)** Cecil County;
 3 ~~(iii)~~ **(IV)** Garrett County;
 4 ~~(iv)~~ **(V)** **QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;**
 5 ~~(v)~~ **(VI)** St. Mary's County; and
 6 **[(v)]** ~~(vi)~~ **(VII)** Washington County.

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

- 10 (i) Carroll County;
 11 (ii) Dorchester County; and
 12 (iii) Frederick County.

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

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

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~~5.~~ 4. [Queen Anne's County;

6.] Somerset County;

[7.] ~~6.~~ 5. Talbot County;

[8.] ~~7.~~ 6. Wicomico County; and

[9.] ~~8.~~ 7. Worcester County; and

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

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

(i) Calvert County;

(ii) ~~Caroline County;~~

~~(iii)~~ Carroll County;

~~(iv)~~ **(III)** Charles County;

~~(v)~~ **(IV)** Dorchester County; and

~~(vi)~~ **(V)** Kent County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 3 (i) Baltimore City;
- 4 (ii) Baltimore County;
- 5 (iii) Howard County; or
- 6 (iv) Prince George's County.

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

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

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

- 12 (i) Allegany County;
- 13 (ii) Cecil County;
- 14 (iii) Garrett County;
- 15 (iv) St. Mary's County;
- 16 (v) Washington County;
- 17 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting
18 season; and
- 19 (vii) Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in October
20 through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2022.