

HOUSE BILL 631

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By: **Delegates Ghrist and Jacobs**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County – Sunday Hunting – Authorizations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
4 hunt certain game birds and game mammals on Sundays in Caroline County;
5 authorizing the Department to allow Sunday hunting on certain public land in
6 Caroline County; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in Caroline 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) **CAROLINE COUNTY;**

20 **(III)** Cecil County;

21 ~~[(iii)]~~ **(IV)** Garrett County;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [4.] 3. Harford County;

2 [5.] 4. Queen Anne's County;

3 [6.] 5. 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.] 3. Harford County;

20 [5.] 4. Queen Anne's County;

21 [6.] 5. 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)] (III) Charles County;

8 [(v)] (IV) Dorchester County; and

9 [(vi)] (V) 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) **CAROLINE COUNTY;**

8 **(III)** Cecil County;

9 ~~[(iii)]~~ **(IV)** Garrett County;

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

11 ~~[(v)]~~ **(VI)** Washington County;

12 ~~[(vi)]~~ **(VII)** Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey
13 hunting season; and

14 ~~[(vii)]~~ **(VIII)** Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in
15 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

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