

# SENATE BILL 233

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By: **Senator Jackson**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Natural Resources – Sunday Deer Hunting and**  
3 **Archery Hunting Safety Zones**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to  
5 hunt deer on certain Sundays of the deer hunting seasons in Prince George’s County;  
6 adding Prince George’s County to the list of counties in which the safety zone for  
7 archery hunters extends a certain distance from certain structures; and generally  
8 relating to hunting in Prince George’s County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Natural Resources  
11 Section 10–410(a) and (g)(3)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
15 Article – Natural Resources  
16 Section 10–410(g)(1) and (2)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Natural Resources**

22 10–410.

23 (a) (1) The Department may allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the  
24 game bird and game mammal seasons in:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) Allegany County;
- 2 (ii) Cecil County;
- 3 (iii) Garrett County;
- 4 (iv) St. Mary's County; and
- 5 (v) Washington County.

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

- 9 (i) Carroll County;
- 10 (ii) Dorchester County; [and]
- 11 (iii) Frederick County; AND

12 **(IV) PRINCE GEORGE'S 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.

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

1 (i) On each Sunday in:

- 2 1. Calvert County;
- 3 2. Caroline County;
- 4 3. Charles County;
- 5 4. Harford County;
- 6 5. Queen Anne’s County;
- 7 6. Somerset County; and
- 8 7. Worcester County;

9 (ii) On the first Sunday in:

- 10 1. Anne Arundel County; and
- 11 2. Talbot County; and

12 (iii) In Wicomico County, on:

- 13 1. The first Sunday; and
- 14 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until
- 15 10:30 a.m.

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

18 (i) The last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in  
19 November in:

- 20 1. Calvert County;
- 21 2. Caroline County;
- 22 3. Charles County;
- 23 4. Harford County;
- 24 5. Queen Anne’s County;
- 25 6. Somerset County;



1 (ii) Baltimore County; OR

2 (iii) Howard County]; or

3 (iv) Prince George's County].

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

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

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

9 (i) Allegany County;

10 (ii) Cecil County;

11 (iii) Garrett County;

12 (iv) St. Mary's County;

13 (v) Washington County;

14 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting  
15 season; and

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

18 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a  
19 person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal may  
20 not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the  
21 "safety zone", of a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by  
22 human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it is within this area, without  
23 the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

24 (2) A person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal, may not shoot or  
25 discharge any firearm within 300 yards of a public or nonpublic school during school hours  
26 or at a time when a school-approved activity is taking place.

27 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Allegany County, Calvert County, Carroll  
28 County, Cecil County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Montgomery  
29 County, **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, St. Mary's County, or Washington County, the  
30 safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a  
31 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

1                           (ii) For archery hunters in Anne Arundel County, the safety zone  
2 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 100 yards from a dwelling house,  
3 residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
5 1, 2022.