

SENATE BILL 342

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By: **Senator Hershey**

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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 ~~Queen Anne's County to hunt any game bird or game mammal on a Sunday during~~
6 ~~the open season for that game bird or game mammal to hunt during a certain time~~
7 period on certain Sundays of the game bird and game mammal seasons in Caroline
8 County and Queen Anne's County; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in
9 Caroline County and Queen Anne's 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)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 10–410.

19 (a) (1) **(I)** The Department may allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of
20 the game bird and game mammal seasons in:

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.



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

2. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, CAROLINE COUNTY, FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M.;

~~(ii)~~ **3.** Cecil County;

~~(iii)~~ **4.** Garrett County;

~~(iv)~~ **~~QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;~~**

5. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M.;

~~(v)~~ **6.** St. Mary's County; and

[(v)] ~~(vi)~~ **7.** Washington County.

(II) THE TIME RESTRICTIONS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 AND 5 OF THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY:

1. ON EACH SUNDAY DURING THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON;

2. ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER AND THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER DURING THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON; AND

3. ON EACH SUNDAY OF THE SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON.

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

(i) Carroll County;

(ii) Dorchester County; and

(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.~~ **3.** Harford County;
- 13 ~~5.~~ **4.** [Queen Anne's County;
- 14 **6.]** Somerset County;
- 15 **[7.] 6. 5.** Talbot County;
- 16 **[8.] 7. 6.** Wicomico County; and
- 17 **[9.] 8. 7.** 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)~~ **(III)** Charles County;
- 25 ~~(v)~~ **(IV)** Dorchester County; and

1 ~~(vi)~~ **(V)** 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) 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) Allegany County;

28 (ii) Cecil County;

29 (iii) Garrett County;

30 (iv) St. Mary's County;

- 1 (v) Washington County;
- 2 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting
- 3 season; and
- 4 (vii) Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in October
- 5 through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 7 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.