# HOUSE BILL 1087

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#### By: Wicomico County Delegation Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

# A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

# 2 Wicomico County – Sunday Hunting and Archery Hunting Safety Zones

- FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
   hunt game birds and mammals on certain Sundays in Wicomico County; authorizing
   the Department to allow Sunday hunting on certain public land in Wicomico County;
- 6 adding Wicomico County to the list of counties in which the safety zone for archery
- 7 hunters extends a certain distance from certain structures; and generally relating to
- 8 hunting in Wicomico County.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Natural Resources
- 11 Section 10–410(a)(1)(i), (4), (5), and (15) and (g)(3)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2022 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 2022 Supplement)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
   That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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# Article – Natural Resources

22 10-410.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1			1.	Allegany County;			
$\frac{2}{3}$	County, from 30 m	inutes	2. s before	Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Calvert e sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;			
4 5	County, from 30 m	inutes	3. s before	Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Caroline e sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;			
6			4.	Cecil County;			
7 8	County, from 30 m	inutes	5. s before	Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Charles e sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;			
9 10	6. Subject to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, Dorchester County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;						
11			7.	Garrett County;			
$\begin{array}{c} 12\\ 13 \end{array}$	8. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Queen Anne's County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;						
14			9.	St. Mary's County;			
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16\end{array}$	10. Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, Somerse County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.; [and]						
17			11.	Washington County; AND			
18			12.	WICOMICO COUNTY.			
19 20	(4) firearms season:	The	Depart	ment may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer			
21		(i)	On ea	ach Sunday in:			
22			1.	Harford County; and			
23			2.	Worcester County; AND			
24		(ii)	On th	ne first Sunday in Anne Arundel County[; and			
25		(iii)	In W	icomico County, on:			
26			1.	The first Sunday; and			

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$rac{1}{2}$	10:30 a.m <b>]</b> .		2.	The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until		
$\frac{3}{4}$	(5) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer bow hunting season on:					
$5 \\ 6$	November in:	(i)	The l	ast three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in		
7			1.	Harford County; AND		
8			2.	[Wicomico County; and		
9			3.]	Worcester County; and		
10		(ii)	The f	irst Sunday in November in Anne Arundel County.		
$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 12 \end{array}$	(15) (i) The Department may not allow a person to hunt on public land designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday except in:					
13			1.	Allegany County;		
14			2.	Cecil County;		
15			3.	Garrett County;		
16			4.	St. Mary's County;		
17			5.	Washington County;		
18			6.	WICOMICO COUNTY;		
19 20	hunting season;		7.	Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey		
$\begin{array}{c} 21 \\ 22 \end{array}$	October through the	he seco	[7.] 8 ond Su	Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in nday in January of the following year, inclusive; and		
$23 \\ 24 \\ 25$	Somerset County, 10:30 a.m.	on pub	<b>[</b> 8. <b>] 9</b> olic lan	• Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, d leased to a hunt club from 30 minutes before sunrise until		
$\begin{array}{c} 26\\ 27 \end{array}$	paragraph do not a	(ii) apply:	The	time restrictions under subparagraph [(i)8] (I)9 of this		
28			1.	On each Sunday of the deer firearms season; and		

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1 2. On the last three Sundays in October and the first two 2 Sundays in November of the deer bow hunting season.

3 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a 4 person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal may 5 not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the 6 "safety zone", of a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by 7 human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it is within this area, without 8 the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

9 (2) A person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal, may not shoot or 10 discharge any firearm within 300 yards of a public or nonpublic school during school hours 11 or at a time when a school-approved activity is taking place.

12 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Allegany County, Calvert County, Carroll 13 County, Cecil County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Montgomery 14 County, St. Mary's County, [or] Washington County, OR WICOMICO COUNTY, the safety 15 zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a dwelling 16 house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

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

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 21 1, 2023.