

# SENATE BILL 155

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By: **Senator Jackson**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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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 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)

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) (i) The Department may allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of  
24 the 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 1. Allegany County;

2 2. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Calvert  
3 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;

4 3. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Caroline  
5 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;

6 4. Cecil County;

7 5. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Charles  
8 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;

9 6. Subject to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, Dorchester  
10 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;

11 7. Garrett County;

12 8. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Queen  
13 Anne's County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;

14 9. St. Mary's County;

15 10. Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, Somerset  
16 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.; and

17 11. Washington County.

18 (ii) The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)10 of this paragraph  
19 do not apply:

20 1. On each Sunday of the deer firearms season; and

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

23 (iii) The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)2, 3, 5, and 8 of this  
24 paragraph do not apply:

25 1. On each Sunday during the deer firearms season;

26 2. On the last three Sundays in October and the first two  
27 Sundays in November during the deer bow hunting season; and

28 3. On each Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season.

1 (iv) The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)6 of this paragraph  
2 do not apply:

3 1. On each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from the first  
4 Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January, inclusive; and

5 2. On each Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season.

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; [and]

10 (ii) Frederick County; AND

11 (III) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

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

15 1. Kent County;

16 2. Montgomery County; and

17 3. Talbot 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;

25 4. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the  
26 Department during the deer bow hunting season; and

27 5. In Talbot County, on the last three Sundays in October  
28 and the first two Sundays in November during the bow hunting season.

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

- 1 (i) On each Sunday in:
- 2 1. Harford County; and
- 3 2. Worcester County;
- 4 (ii) On the first Sunday in Anne Arundel County; and
- 5 (iii) In Wicomico County, on:
- 6 1. The first Sunday; and
- 7 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until
- 8 10:30 a.m.
- 9 (5) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer bow
- 10 hunting season on:
- 11 (i) The last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in
- 12 November in:
- 13 1. Harford County;
- 14 2. Wicomico County; and
- 15 3. Worcester County; and
- 16 (ii) The first Sunday in November in Anne Arundel County.
- 17 (6) The Department may allow a person to hunt turkey on each Sunday of
- 18 the spring turkey hunting season in:
- 19 (i) Carroll County;
- 20 (ii) Kent County; and
- 21 (iii) Talbot County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.
- 22 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Department
- 23 may allow a person with a deer management permit to shoot deer on any Sunday
- 24 throughout the year in accordance with the terms of the permit.
- 25 (8) The Department may allow a person using a State certified raptor to
- 26 hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for the game birds
- 27 or mammals.

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

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

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

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

- 11                   (i)    Baltimore City;
- 12                   (ii)   Baltimore County; **OR**
- 13                   (iii)  Howard County]; or
- 14                   (iv)   Prince George's County].

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

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

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

- 20                           1.    Allegany County;
- 21                           2.    Cecil County;
- 22                           3.    Garrett County;
- 23                           4.    St. Mary's County;
- 24                           5.    Washington County;
- 25                           6.    Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey  
26 hunting season;
- 27                           7.    Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in  
28 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive; and

1                               8.     Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, Somerset  
2 County, on public land leased to a hunt club from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30  
3 a.m.

4                               (ii)    The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)8 of this paragraph  
5 do not apply:

6                               1.     On each Sunday of the deer firearms season; and

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

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

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

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

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

26                              SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
27 1, 2023.