

SENATE BILL 417

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By: **Carroll County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt in Carroll County on each Sunday of the
4 game bird and game mammal seasons; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in
5 Carroll County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 10–410(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 10–410.

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

17 1. Allegany County;

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 4. **CARROLL COUNTY;**

2 **5.** Cecil County;

3 **[5.] 6.** Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph,
4 Charles County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;

5 **[6.] 7.** Subject to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph,
6 Dorchester County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;

7 **[7.] 8.** Garrett County;

8 **[8.] 9.** Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph,
9 Queen Anne's County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;

10 **[9.] 10.** St. Mary's County;

11 **[10.] 11.** Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,
12 Somerset County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;

13 **[11.] 12.** Washington County;

14 **[12.] 13.** Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,
15 Worcester County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.; and

16 **[13.] 14.** Subject to subparagraph (v) of this paragraph,
17 Wicomico County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.

18 (ii) The time restrictions under subparagraph **[(i)10 and 12] (I)11**
19 **AND 13** of this paragraph 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] 6,**
24 **AND 9** of this 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] (I)7 of this
2 paragraph 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 (v) The time restrictions under subparagraph [(i)(13)] (I)14 of this
7 paragraph do not apply:

8 1. On the first Sunday of the deer firearms season; and

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

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

14 (i) Carroll County; and

15 (ii)] Frederick County.

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

19 1. Kent County;

20 2. Montgomery County; and

21 3. Talbot County.

22 (ii) The time restrictions under this paragraph do not apply:

23 1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under
24 this subtitle;

25 2. On one Sunday designated by the Department during the
26 deer firearms season;

27 3. In Kent County, on each Sunday during the deer bow
28 hunting season and the deer muzzle loader season;

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

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

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

5 (i) On each Sunday in Harford County; and

6 (ii) On the first Sunday in Anne Arundel County.

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

9 (i) The last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in
10 November in Harford County; and

11 (ii) The first Sunday in November in Anne Arundel County.

12 (6) The Department may allow a person to hunt turkey on each Sunday of
13 the spring turkey hunting season in:

14 (i) Carroll County;

15 (ii) Kent County; and

16 (iii) Talbot County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.

17 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Department
18 may allow a person with a deer management permit to shoot deer on any Sunday
19 throughout the year in accordance with the terms of the permit.

20 (8) The Department may allow a person using a State certified raptor to
21 hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for the game birds
22 or mammals.

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

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

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

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

3 (i) Baltimore City;

4 (ii) Baltimore County;

5 (iii) Howard County; or

6 (iv) Prince George's County.

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

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

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

12 1. Allegany County;

13 2. Cecil County;

14 3. Garrett County;

15 4. St. Mary's County;

16 5. Washington County;

17 6. Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey
18 hunting season;

19 7. Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in
20 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive;

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

24 9. Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, Worcester
25 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.; and

26 10. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Wicomico
27 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.

28 (ii) The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)8 and 9 of this
29 paragraph do not apply:

- 1 1. On each Sunday of the deer firearms season; and
- 2 2. On the last three Sundays in October and the first two
- 3 Sundays in November of the deer bow hunting season.
- 4 (iii) The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)10 of this paragraph
- 5 do not apply:
 - 6 1. On the first 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 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2025.