

HB1063/233722/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1063
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 15, after “standard;” insert “requiring the Department to establish certain procedures for a county to request changes to Sunday hunting regulations;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 32, strike “SHALL” and substitute “:

- 1. MAY NOT AUTHORIZE HUNTING ON SUNDAYS IN:**
 - A. BALTIMORE CITY;**
 - B. BALTIMORE COUNTY;**
 - C. HOWARD COUNTY; OR**
 - D. PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY; AND**
- 2. SHALL**”.

On page 6, in line 12, strike “a person with”; in line 13, after “A” insert “person with a”; and in line 16, strike “A” and substitute “**EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY, AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, A PERSON WITH A**”.

On page 12, after line 9, insert:

“(III) 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR A COUNTY TO REQUEST CHANGES TO THE SUNDAY HUNTING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COUNTY.

2. THE PROCEDURES SHALL, AT A MINIMUM:

A. REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH A LETTER FROM THE COUNTY’S LEGISLATIVE BODY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR LOCAL DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED CHANGES; AND

B. PROVIDE FOR CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING NONHUNTERS.

3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH GUIDELINES DESCRIBING THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH TO THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE.”;

in line 11, strike “a person with”; in line 12, after “A” insert “person with a”; and in line 15, strike “A” and substitute “Except in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County, and Prince George’s County, a person with a”.

On page 14, strike beginning with “That” in line 20 down through “stakeholders” in line 25 and substitute “That:”

(a) The Department of Natural Resources shall, in accordance with this section, report annually on the impact of this Act on deer management in the State, the safety of hunters and other individuals who engage in outdoor recreation, and the balancing of stakeholder interests.

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(b) Reports made under this section shall include:

(1) a summary of any regulations adopted under § 10–410(a)(1) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, during the reporting period;

(2) data regarding hunting related accidents;

(3) summaries of complaints received from any source regarding conflicts between hunters and other individuals engaging in outdoor recreation; and

(4) any recommendations from the Department on strategies to improve safety or decrease conflicts.

(c) On or before December 1, 2027, December 1, 2028, and December 1, 2029, the Department shall, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, submit the reports required under this section to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment and the House Environment and Transportation Committee”.