

# HOUSE BILL 1063

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Education, Energy, and the Environment* —

Introduced by **Delegates Boyce, Korman, Allen, Bouchat, Hornberger, T. Morgan, Rose, Ruth, and Tomlinson**

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\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Natural Resources – Hunting – Management**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the Department of Natural Resources may authorize the  
4 reduction of the deer population on certain property with deer damage using certain  
5 methods; altering the time restrictions for Sunday deer hunting in certain counties  
6 during deer firearms season; repealing certain time restrictions that apply to the  
7 hunting of game birds and mammals on certain Sundays on private property in  
8 Wicomico County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer on each  
9 Sunday of the deer bow hunting season in Baltimore City; ~~repealing the prohibition~~  
10 against hunting migratory game birds on Sundays and authorizing the Department  
11 to allow Sunday hunting for migratory game birds, subject to a certain requirement;  
12 repealing certain provisions of law governing Sunday hunting on a  
13 county-by-county basis and authorizing the Department to adopt regulations

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#### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 allowing Sunday hunting during game bird and game mammal seasons, subject to a  
2 certain standard; and generally relating to hunting management.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
4 Article – Natural Resources  
5 Section ~~10–206 and 10–410(a)~~, 10–410(a), and 10–906(b)(3)(i)  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Natural Resources  
10 Section 10–410(a) and 10–906(b)(3)(i)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)  
13 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 10–206.

18 (A) The Department may reduce the wildlife population in any county, election  
19 district, or other identifiable area of the State after a thorough investigation reveals that  
20 protected wildlife is seriously injurious to agricultural or other interests in the affected  
21 area. The method of reducing the wildlife population is at the Department’s discretion,  
22 except that trapping is preferred whenever feasible. The Department shall dispose of  
23 wildlife taken pursuant to the provisions of this section as the Department deems  
24 advisable.

25 (B) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “DEER DAMAGE” INCLUDES:

26 (I) WIDESPREAD DAMAGE CAUSED BY DEER, INCLUDING THE  
27 ELIMINATION OF FOREST UNDERSTORY, TREE REGENERATION, AND NATIVE  
28 PLANTS; AND

29 (II) THE DESTRUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL CROPS ~~OR~~  
30 ~~LANDSCAPING, INCLUDING ORNAMENTAL LANDSCAPING,~~ CAUSED BY DEER.

31 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE THE REDUCTION OF THE  
32 DEER POPULATION ON ANY SINGLE, CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OF AT LEAST 10 ACRES  
33 WHERE THE DEPARTMENT HAS DOCUMENTED DEER DAMAGE.

34 (3) (I) THE METHOD OF REDUCING THE DEER POPULATION:

1                   1.     **IS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION; AND**

2                   2.     **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
 3 **PARAGRAPH, MAY INCLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO A PROPERTY OWNER, OR**  
 4 **THE PROPERTY OWNER'S EMPLOYEE, LESSEE, OR AGENT, TO SHOOT DEER ON THE**  
 5 **PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS.**

6                   (ii)   **A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 OF THIS**  
 7 **PARAGRAPH ~~SHALL~~:**

8                   1.     **MAY NOT AUTHORIZE HUNTING ON SUNDAYS IN:**

9                   A.     **BALTIMORE CITY;**

10                  B.     **BALTIMORE COUNTY;**

11                  C.     **HOWARD COUNTY; OR**

12                  D.     **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; AND**

13                  2.     **SHALL PROHIBIT DEER HUNTING ON SUNDAYS**  
 14 **DURING DEER FIREARMS SEASON WITHIN ~~25~~ 150 YARDS OF A DEPARTMENT TRAIL**  
 15 **DESIGNATED FOR BICYCLING, HIKING, EQUESTRIAN USE, OR OTHER ACTIVE OR**  
 16 **PASSIVE RECREATIONAL USE.**

17                  (4)   **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

18                  (i)   **MAP AREAS OF THE STATE TO WHICH A PERMIT MAY APPLY**  
 19 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

20                  (ii)   **MAKE THE MAPS READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.**

21 10-410.

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

24                   1.     Allegany County;

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

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

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1                                   4.     Cecil County;

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

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

6                                   7.     Garrett County;

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

9                                   9.     St. Mary's County;

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

12                                  11.    Washington County;

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

15                                  13.    ~~Subject to subparagraph (v) of this paragraph, Wicomico  
16 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.~~

17                                  (ii)    The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)10 and 12 of this  
18 paragraph do not apply:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4                   ~~(v)   The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)(13) of this~~  
5 ~~paragraph do not apply;~~

6                   ~~1.     A.    On the first Sunday of the deer firearms season; and~~

7                   ~~B.    ON THE REMAINING SUNDAYS OF THE DEER~~  
8 ~~FIREARMS SEASON, FOR WHICH THE TIME RESTRICTIONS SHALL BE FROM 30~~  
9 ~~MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M. AND FROM 3:00 P.M. UNTIL SUNSET;~~  
10 ~~AND~~

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

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

16                   (i)    Carroll County; and

17                   (ii)   Frederick County.

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

21                   1.     Kent County;

22                   2.     Montgomery County; and

23                   3.     Talbot County.

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

25                   1.     To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under  
26 this subtitle;

27                   2.     A.    On one Sunday designated by the Department  
28 during the deer firearms season; AND

1                    **B.    ~~ON~~ IN KENT COUNTY AND TALBOT COUNTY, ON THE**  
 2 **REMAINING SUNDAYS OF THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON, FOR WHICH THE TIME**  
 3 **RESTRICTIONS SHALL BE FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M. AND**  
 4 **FROM 3:00 P.M. UNTIL SUNSET;**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20                    (6)    **THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON**  
 21 **EACH SUNDAY OF THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

22                    **(7)**    The Department may allow a person to hunt turkey on each Sunday of  
 23 the spring turkey hunting season in:

24                    (i)    Carroll County;

25                    (ii)    Kent County; and

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

27                    ~~(7)~~ **(8)**    Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the  
 28 Department may allow ~~a person with~~ **[a]:**

1 (I) A *person with a* deer management permit ISSUED UNDER §  
 2 10-206(A) OF THIS TITLE to shoot deer on any Sunday throughout the year in accordance  
 3 with the terms of the permit; AND

4 (II) ~~A~~ EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY,  
 5 HOWARD COUNTY, AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, A PERSON WITH A DEER  
 6 DAMAGE PERMIT ISSUED UNDER § 10-206(B) OF THIS TITLE TO SHOOT DEER ON ANY  
 7 SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE  
 8 PERMIT.

9 ~~(8)~~ (9) The Department may allow a person using a State certified  
 10 raptor to hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for the  
 11 game birds or mammals.

12 ~~(9)~~ (10) The Department may allow an unarmed person participating in  
 13 an organized fox chase to chase foxes on Sunday.

14 ~~(10)~~ (11) The Department may allow a person shooting pen-reared game  
 15 birds or tower-released flighted mallard ducks to hunt on Sunday at a regulated shooting  
 16 ground in accordance with § 10-906 of this title.

17 ~~(11)~~ (12) The Department may allow a person who is 16 years old or  
 18 younger to hunt on Sunday if participating in a junior hunt established by the Department  
 19 in accordance with this subtitle.

20 ~~(12)~~ (13) Except as provided in paragraphs ~~(8)~~ (9) through ~~(10)~~ (11) of this  
 21 subsection and subject to paragraph ~~(7)~~ (8) of this subsection, a person may not hunt on  
 22 Sunday in:

- 23 (i) Baltimore City;
- 24 (ii) Baltimore County;
- 25 (iii) Howard County; or
- 26 (iv) Prince George's County.

27 ~~(13)~~ (14) ~~(I)~~ ~~[A person may not]~~ ~~SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II)~~  
 28 ~~OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO~~ hunt migratory  
 29 game birds on Sunday.

30 ~~(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOW THE FOLLOWING~~  
 31 ~~PERSONS TO HUNT MIGRATORY CANADA GEESE (ATLANTIC POPULATION) ON~~  
 32 ~~SUNDAYS DURING THE OPEN SEASON:~~



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

3                                   (iii)   The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)10 of this paragraph  
4 do not apply:

5                                   1.     **A.**     On the first Sunday of the deer firearms season; and

6   **B.    ON THE REMAINING SUNDAYS OF THE DEER**  
7 **FIREARMS SEASON, FOR WHICH THE TIME RESTRICTIONS SHALL BE FROM 30**  
8 **MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M. AND FROM 3:00 P.M. UNTIL SUNSET;**  
9 **AND**

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

12 10-906.

13                   (b)   (3)   (i)   As part of the application for a regulated shooting ground permit,  
14 a person may apply to the Department for authorization to allow hunting on Sunday as  
15 provided under [§ 10-410(a)(10)] § 10-410(A)(11) of this title.

16                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
17 as follows:

18   **Article – Natural Resources**

19 10-410.

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

22                                   1.     Allegany County;

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

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

27                                   4.     Cecil County;

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

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

3                                   7.     Garrett County;

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

6                                   9.     St. Mary's County;

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

9                                   11.    Washington County;

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

12                                  13.    ~~Subject to subparagraph (v) of this paragraph, Wicomico~~  
13 ~~County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.~~

14                                  (ii)    The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)10 and 12 of this  
15 paragraph do not apply:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1                   ~~(v) The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)(13) of this~~  
 2 ~~paragraph do not apply:~~

3                   ~~1. A. On the first Sunday of the deer firearms season; and~~

4                   ~~B. On the remaining Sundays of the deer firearms season, for~~  
 5 ~~which the time restrictions shall be from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. and~~  
 6 ~~from 3:00 p.m. until sunset; 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                   (2) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the  
 10 deer hunting seasons from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in  
 11 January, inclusive, in:

12                   (i) Carroll County; and

13                   (ii) Frederick County.

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

17                   1. Kent County;

18                   2. Montgomery County; and

19                   3. Talbot County.

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

21                   1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under  
 22 this subtitle;

23                   2. A. On one Sunday designated by the Department  
 24 during the deer firearms season; and

25                   B. ~~On~~ In Kent County and Talbot County, on the remaining  
 26 Sundays of the deer firearms season, for which the time restrictions shall be from 30  
 27 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. until sunset;

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

30                   4. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the  
 31 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 deer on each Sunday of the  
13 deer bow hunting season in Baltimore City.

14                   (7)     The Department may allow a person to hunt turkey on each Sunday of  
15 the spring turkey hunting season in:

16                                   (i)     Carroll County;

17                                   (ii)    Kent County; and

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

19                   **(1) (I) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
20 **DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ALLOWING PERSONS TO HUNT ON**  
21 **SUNDAYS DURING THE GAME BIRD AND GAME MAMMAL SEASONS.**

22                   **(II) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION**  
23 **SHALL AT A MINIMUM ALLOW SUNDAY HUNTING ON THE HOURS AND DAYS**  
24 **AUTHORIZED FOR SUNDAY HUNTING BY SPECIES, HUNTING SEASON, AND COUNTY**  
25 **ON JUNE 30, 2027.**

26                   ~~[(7)] [(8)]~~ **(2)**     Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the  
27 Department may allow ~~a person with~~:

28                                   (i)     A person with a deer management permit issued under §  
29 10-206(a) of this title to shoot deer on any Sunday throughout the year in accordance with  
30 the terms of the permit; and

1 (ii) ~~A~~ Except in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County,  
 2 and Prince George's County, a person with a deer damage permit issued under § 10-206(b)  
 3 of this title to shoot deer on any Sunday throughout the year in accordance with the terms  
 4 of the permit.

5 ~~[(8)] [(9)] (3)~~ The Department may allow a person using a State  
 6 certified raptor to hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for  
 7 the game birds or mammals.

8 ~~[(9)] [(10)] (4)~~ The Department may allow an unarmed person  
 9 participating in an organized fox chase to chase foxes on Sunday.

10 ~~[(10)] [(11)] (5)~~ The Department may allow a person shooting pen-reared  
 11 game birds or tower-released flighted mallard ducks to hunt on Sunday at a regulated  
 12 shooting ground in accordance with § 10-906 of this title.

13 ~~[(11)] [(12)] (6)~~ The Department may allow a person who is 16 years old  
 14 or younger to hunt on Sunday if participating in a junior hunt established by the  
 15 Department in accordance with this subtitle.

16 ~~[(12)] [(13)] (7)~~ Except as provided in paragraphs ~~[(8)] [(9)] (3)~~ through  
 17 ~~[(10)] [(11)] (5)~~ of this subsection and subject to paragraph ~~[(7)] [(8)] (2)~~ of this subsection,  
 18 a person may not hunt on Sunday in:

19 (i) Baltimore City;

20 (ii) Baltimore County;

21 (iii) Howard County; or

22 (iv) Prince George's County.

23 ~~[(13)] [(14)] (8) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the~~  
 24 ~~Department may allow a person to~~ A person may not hunt migratory game birds on Sunday.

25 ~~(ii) The Department shall allow the following persons to hunt~~  
 26 ~~migratory Canada geese (Atlantic population) on Sundays during the open season:~~

27 ~~1. Junior hunters;~~

28 ~~2. Senior hunters;~~

29 ~~3. Apprentice hunters; and~~

30 ~~4. Full-time students who hold a hunting license.~~

1                    ~~[(14)]~~ **[(15)] (9)**     A person may not hunt on public land within the State  
2 park system on Sunday.

3                    ~~[(15)]~~ **(16)**     (i)     The Department may not allow a person to hunt on public  
4 land designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday except in:

5                                    1.     Allegany County;

6                                    2.     Cecil County;

7                                    3.     Garrett County;

8                                    4.     St. Mary's County;

9                                    5.     Washington County;

10                                  6.     Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey

11 hunting season;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26                                  (iii)    The time restrictions under subparagraph (i)10 of this paragraph  
27 do not apply:

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

1 B. On the remaining Sundays of the deer firearms season, for  
2 which the time restrictions shall be from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. and  
3 from 3:00 p.m. until sunset; and

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

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7 (b) (3) (i) As part of the application for a regulated shooting ground permit,  
8 a person may apply to the Department for authorization to allow hunting on Sunday as  
9 provided under [§ 10-410(a)(11)] § 10-410(A)(5) of this title.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,  
11 2029, the Department of Natural Resources shall:

12 (1) report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the  
13 State Government Article, on the effectiveness of this Act on deer management and  
14 balancing stakeholder interests; and

15 (2) include in the report:

16 (i) input from all relevant stakeholders;

17 (ii) a summary of all relevant safety statistics from the Department;

18 and

19 (iii) a summary of any regulations adopted in accordance with §  
20 10-401(a)(1) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, during the  
21 reporting period.

22 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed  
23 to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to allow Sunday hunting in Baltimore  
24 County, Howard County, or Prince George's County;

25 (1) (i) except as provided in Section 10-410(a)(9) through (11) of the  
26 Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

27 (ii) subject to Section 10-410(a)(8) of the Natural Resources Article,  
28 as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; or

29 (2) (i) except as provided in Section 10-410(a)(3) through (5) of the  
30 Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act; and

31 (ii) subject to Section 10-410(a)(2) of the Natural Resources Article,  
32 as enacted by Section 2 of this Act.

1        SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take  
 2 effect July 1, 2027. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June  
 3 30, 2030, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
 4 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

5        SECTION ~~5~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in  
 6 Section ~~4~~ 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.