

# HOUSE BILL 1063

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

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – Natural Resources

18 Section 10-206 ~~and 10-410(a)~~, 10-410(a), and 10-906(b)(3)(i)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Natural Resources

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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.



1 Section 10–410(a) and 10–906(b)(3)(i)  
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 3 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)  
 4 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

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

7 **Article – Natural Resources**

8 10–206.

9 **(A)** The Department may reduce the wildlife population in any county, election  
 10 district, or other identifiable area of the State after a thorough investigation reveals that  
 11 protected wildlife is seriously injurious to agricultural or other interests in the affected  
 12 area. The method of reducing the wildlife population is at the Department’s discretion,  
 13 except that trapping is preferred whenever feasible. The Department shall dispose of  
 14 wildlife taken pursuant to the provisions of this section as the Department deems  
 15 advisable.

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

17 **(I) WIDESPREAD DAMAGE CAUSED BY DEER, INCLUDING THE**  
 18 **ELIMINATION OF FOREST UNDERSTORY, TREE REGENERATION, AND NATIVE**  
 19 **PLANTS; AND**

20 **(II) THE DESTRUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL CROPS ~~OR~~**  
 21 **~~LANDSCAPING, INCLUDING ORNAMENTAL LANDSCAPING,~~ CAUSED BY DEER.**

22 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE THE REDUCTION OF THE**  
 23 **DEER POPULATION ON ANY SINGLE, CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OF AT LEAST 10 ACRES**  
 24 **WHERE THE DEPARTMENT HAS DOCUMENTED DEER DAMAGE.**

25 **(3) (I) THE METHOD OF REDUCING THE DEER POPULATION:**

26 **1. IS AT THE DEPARTMENT’S DISCRETION; AND**

27 **2. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
 28 **PARAGRAPH, MAY INCLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO A PROPERTY OWNER, OR**  
 29 **THE PROPERTY OWNER’S EMPLOYEE, LESSEE, OR AGENT, TO SHOOT DEER ON THE**  
 30 **PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS.**

31 **(II) A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 OF THIS**  
 32 **PARAGRAPH SHALL PROHIBIT DEER HUNTING ON SUNDAYS DURING DEER**  
 33 **FIREARMS SEASON WITHIN ~~25~~ 150 YARDS OF A DEPARTMENT TRAIL DESIGNATED**

1 FOR BICYCLING, HIKING, EQUESTRIAN USE, OR OTHER ACTIVE OR PASSIVE  
2 RECREATIONAL USE.

3 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

4 (I) MAP AREAS OF THE STATE TO WHICH A PERMIT MAY APPLY  
5 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND

6 (II) MAKE THE MAPS READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

7 10-410.

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

- 10 1. Allegany County;
- 11 2. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Calvert  
12 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;
- 13 3. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Caroline  
14 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;
- 15 4. Cecil County;
- 16 5. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Charles  
17 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;
- 18 6. Subject to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, Dorchester  
19 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;
- 20 7. Garrett County;
- 21 8. Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, Queen  
22 Anne's County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;
- 23 9. St. Mary's County;
- 24 10. Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, Somerset  
25 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.;
- 26 11. Washington County;
- 27 12. Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, Worcester  
28 County, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (i) Carroll County; and

2 (ii) Frederick County.

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

6 1. Kent County;

7 2. Montgomery County; and

8 3. Talbot County.

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

10 1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under  
11 this subtitle;

12 2. **A.** On one Sunday designated by the Department  
13 during the deer firearms season; **AND**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (i) Carroll County;

9 (ii) Kent County; and

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

11 ~~(7)~~ **(8)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the  
12 Department may allow a person with [a]:

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

16 **(II) A DEER DAMAGE PERMIT ISSUED UNDER § 10-206(B) OF**  
17 **THIS TITLE TO SHOOT DEER ON ANY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN**  
18 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT.**

19 ~~(8)~~ **(9)** The Department may allow a person using a State certified  
20 raptor to hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for the  
21 game birds or mammals.

22 ~~(9)~~ **(10)** The Department may allow an unarmed person participating in  
23 an organized fox chase to chase foxes on Sunday.

24 ~~(10)~~ **(11)** The Department may allow a person shooting pen-reared game  
25 birds or tower-released flighted mallard ducks to hunt on Sunday at a regulated shooting  
26 ground in accordance with § 10-906 of this title.

27 ~~(11)~~ **(12)** The Department may allow a person who is 16 years old or  
28 younger to hunt on Sunday if participating in a junior hunt established by the Department  
29 in accordance with this subtitle.

1           ~~(12)~~ **(13)**     Except as provided in paragraphs ~~(8)~~ **(9)** through ~~(10)~~ **(11)** of this  
 2 subsection and subject to paragraph ~~(7)~~ **(8)** of this subsection, a person may not hunt on  
 3 Sunday in:

- 4                           (i)     Baltimore City;
- 5                           (ii)    Baltimore County;
- 6                           (iii)  Howard County; or
- 7                           (iv)   Prince George's County.

8           ~~(13)~~ **(14)**     ~~(i)~~   [A person may not] ~~SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (ii)~~  
 9 ~~OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO~~ hunt migratory  
 10 game birds on Sunday.

11                           ~~(ii)~~   ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOW THE FOLLOWING~~  
 12 ~~PERSONS TO HUNT MIGRATORY CANADA GEESE (ATLANTIC POPULATION) ON~~  
 13 ~~SUNDAYS DURING THE OPEN SEASON:~~

- 14                           ~~1.~~    ~~JUNIOR HUNTERS;~~
- 15                           ~~2.~~    ~~SENIOR HUNTERS;~~
- 16                           ~~3.~~    ~~APPRENTICE HUNTERS; AND~~
- 17                           ~~4.~~    ~~FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHO HOLD A HUNTING~~  
 18 ~~LICENSE.~~

19           ~~(14)~~ **(15)**     A person may not hunt on public land within the State park  
 20 system on Sunday.

21           ~~(15)~~ **(16)**     (i)     The Department may not allow a person to hunt on public  
 22 land designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday except in:

- 23                           1.     Allegany County;
- 24                           2.     Cecil County;
- 25                           3.     Garrett County;
- 26                           4.     St. Mary's County;
- 27                           5.     Washington County;



**Article – Natural Resources**

1  
2 10–410.

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

5 1. Allegany County;

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

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

10 4. Cecil County;

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

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

15 7. Garrett County;

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

18 9. St. Mary's County;

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

21 11. Washington County;

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

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

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

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

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)2, 3, 5, and 8 of this  
4 paragraph do not apply:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25                                   (i)    Carroll County; and

26                                   (ii)   Frederick County.

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

30                                   1.     Kent County;

1                   2.     Montgomery County; and

2                   3.     Talbot County.

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

4                   1.     To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under  
5 this subtitle;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26                   (6)    The Department may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the  
27 deer bow hunting season in Baltimore City.

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

30                   (i)    Carroll County;

1 (ii) Kent County; and

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

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

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

10 ~~[(7)] [(8)]~~ **(2)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the  
 11 Department may allow a person with:

12 (i) A deer management permit issued under § 10–206(a) of this title  
 13 to shoot deer on any Sunday throughout the year in accordance with the terms of the  
 14 permit; and

15 (ii) A deer damage permit issued under § 10–206(b) of this title to  
 16 shoot deer on any Sunday throughout the year in accordance with the terms of the permit.

17 ~~[(8)] [(9)]~~ **(3)** The Department may allow a person using a State  
 18 certified raptor to hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for  
 19 the game birds or mammals.

20 ~~[(9)] [(10)]~~ **(4)** The Department may allow an unarmed person  
 21 participating in an organized fox chase to chase foxes on Sunday.

22 ~~[(10)] [(11)]~~ **(5)** The Department may allow a person shooting pen-reared  
 23 game birds or tower-released flighted mallard ducks to hunt on Sunday at a regulated  
 24 shooting ground in accordance with § 10–906 of this title.

25 ~~[(11)] [(12)]~~ **(6)** The Department may allow a person who is 16 years old  
 26 or younger to hunt on Sunday if participating in a junior hunt established by the  
 27 Department in accordance with this subtitle.

28 ~~[(12)] [(13)]~~ **(7)** Except as provided in paragraphs ~~[(8)] [(9)]~~ **(3)** through  
 29 ~~[(10)] [(11)]~~ **(5)** of this subsection and subject to paragraph ~~[(7)] [(8)]~~ **(2)** of this subsection,  
 30 a person may not hunt on Sunday in:

31 (i) Baltimore City;

32 (ii) Baltimore County;

1 (iii) Howard County; or

2 (iv) Prince George's County.

3 ~~[(13)] [(14)] (8)~~ (i) ~~Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the~~  
4 ~~Department may allow a person to~~ A person may not hunt migratory game birds on Sunday.

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

7 ~~1. Junior hunters;~~

8 ~~2. Senior hunters;~~

9 ~~3. Apprentice hunters; and~~

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

11 ~~[(14)] [(15)] (9)~~ A person may not hunt on public land within the State  
12 park system on Sunday.

13 ~~[(15)] (16)~~ (i) The Department may not allow a person to hunt on public  
14 land designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday except in:

15 1. Allegany County;

16 2. Cecil County;

17 3. Garrett County;

18 4. St. Mary's County;

19 5. Washington County;

20 6. Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey  
21 hunting season;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 10-906.

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

20                   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,  
21 2029, the Department of Natural Resources shall:

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

25                                  (2) include in the report input from all relevant stakeholders.

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

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

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

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

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

7 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take  
8 effect July 1, 2027. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June  
9 30, 2030, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
10 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

11 SECTION ~~5~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in  
12 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.