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**Bill Number:** House Bill 514

**Short Title:** Charles County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting

**Department's Position:** Letter of Information

### **Explanation of Department's Position**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR or the Department) provides this letter of information on HB 514, which would increase hunting recreation in Charles County. Increased game mammal and game bird hunting opportunities assist with wildlife management and will result in additional revenue for those industries and groups that support hunting and recreation.

Hunting remains the most effective method for controlling and managing the deer population throughout Maryland. The Department advises that Sunday hunting has contributed positively to managing the state's white-tailed deer population in the 20 counties where it is now permitted. Sunday hunting can be especially important if the weather causes unfavorable hunting conditions on the Saturday of the same weekend. Likewise, many hunters only have time to hunt on weekends, so allowing Sunday hunting essentially doubles their opportunity to pursue deer.

For any additional information, please feel free to contact our Legislative and Constituent Services Director, Bunky Luffman.