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<u>HB654</u> <u>Wicomico County-Sunday Hunting Time Restrictions-Repeal</u> As Amended by 433322/1

Why is the Bill being introduced?

As amended, this local Bill expands hunting rights according to the bill **ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY**.

What does the Bill do?

The Bill repeals certain time restrictions that apply to hunting of game birds and mammals on private property currently designated for Sunday Hunting in Wicomico County.

Why is it important to pass now?

Private property owners are asking the committee for the expansion of this availability to hunt. By passing this legislation, the committee would be:

- 1) supporting families who have limited time in their workweek schedule to hunt;
- advancing deer management goals for farmers who are experiencing significant crop damage;
- 3) protecting citizens who drive on rural roads from the increasing incidents of deer strikes by car.



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(To be offered in the Environment and Transportation Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 654

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Restrictions**" insert "<u>on Private Property</u>"; in lines 4 and 5, strike "and public land designated for Sunday hunting"; and in line 9, strike "10–410(a)" and substitute "<u>10–410(a)(1)</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 3 through line 8 on page 6, inclusive.