

HOUSE BILL 406

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County, Garrett County, and Washington County – Sunday Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a
4 person in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County to hunt any
5 game mammal on a Sunday on certain land during the open season for that
6 game mammal; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in Allegany County
7 and Garrett County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–410(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 10–410.

17 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), [and] (7), AND
18 **(8)** of this subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

19 (2) The following persons may hunt the specified game birds and
20 mammals on Sundays:

21 (i) A person using State certified raptors to hunt game birds or
22 mammals during open season;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase
2 to chase foxes;

3 (iii) Provided that the provisions of § 10–906(b)(3) of this title are
4 met, a person:

5 1. Using a regulated shooting ground under § 10–906 of
6 this title to hunt the following pen-reared game birds:

7 A. Pheasants;

8 B. Bobwhite quail;

9 C. Chukar partridge;

10 D. Hungarian partridge;

11 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

12 F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was
13 permitted to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

14 2. Having the written permission of the owner of the
15 land or other person designated by the owner of the land, if the land is owned or leased
16 by a person other than the person hunting on Sundays;

17 (iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in
18 Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford,
19 Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester
20 counties, a person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow
21 during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in
22 November;

23 (v) Except on Easter Sunday, in Allegany County and Garrett
24 County, a person hunting turkey on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in
25 May;

26 (vi) In Calvert County, Caroline County, Charles County,
27 Dorchester County, and St. Mary’s County, a person hunting turkey on private
28 property on any Sunday during the spring turkey hunting season; and

29 (vii) In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public
30 land that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the
31 spring turkey hunting season.

32 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert
33 County, Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, Queen Anne’s County, St.

1 Mary's County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on
2 private property on:

3 (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November;
4 and

5 (ii) Each Sunday in the deer firearms season.

6 (4) Provided that the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle are met
7 and subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, the Department may allow a person to
8 hunt deer on private property on the first Sunday of:

9 (i) The bow hunting season in November; and

10 (ii) The deer firearms season.

11 (5) The Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this
12 subsection do not apply:

13 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George's counties; and

14 (ii) In Baltimore City.

15 (6) (i) This paragraph applies only in Carroll County.

16 (ii) Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the
17 Department may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property from
18 the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following
19 year, inclusive.

20 (7) A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a
21 firearm on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under §
22 10–405(a) of this subtitle.

23 **(8) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN ALLEGANY**
24 **COUNTY, GARRETT COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

25 **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT ANY**
26 **GAME MAMMAL ON A SUNDAY DURING THE OPEN SEASON FOR THAT GAME**
27 **MAMMAL ON:**

28 **1. PRIVATE PROPERTY, SUBJECT TO § 10–411 OF**
29 **THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

30 **2. PUBLIC LAND THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR HUNTING**
31 **BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2014.