

HOUSE BILL 1482

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By: **Delegate Cane**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting – Domesticated, ~~Stray, or Feral~~ Animals – Prohibited Acts**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally or willfully destroying or
4 damaging a domesticated animal of another person ~~or a stray or feral animal~~
5 while hunting or pursuing wildlife in certain areas; and generally relating to
6 prohibited acts while hunting or pursuing wildlife.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 10–410(g)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Natural Resources

14 Section 10–424

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

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 10-410.

2 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person,
 3 other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal may not
 4 shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the
 5 “safety zone,” of a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp
 6 occupied by human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it is within this
 7 area, without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

8 (2) For archery hunters in Carroll County or Frederick County, the
 9 safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a
 10 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human
 11 beings.

12 (3) During any open hunting season, a person, other than the owner or
 13 occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any wild bird or mammal within the safety
 14 zone without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

15 10-424.

16 While engaged in hunting or pursuing any wildlife, a person may not:

17 (1) Carelessly or negligently shoot, wound, or kill another person; or

18 (2) Intentionally or willfully destroy or damage ~~any~~:

19 (I) ANY real property, personal property, ~~DOMESTICATED~~
 20 ~~ANIMAL,~~ or farm livestock of another person ~~OR ANY STRAY OR PERAL ANIMAL; OR~~

21 (II) A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL THAT IS IN A SAFETY ZONE
 22 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-410(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 24 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.