

SENATE BILL 500

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Turkey and Deer Hunting – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
4 hunt turkey on a Sunday in Talbot County through participation in a certain junior
5 hunt; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday in
6 Talbot County with a firearm through participation in a certain junior deer hunt or
7 during any Sunday during the winter portion of a certain deer firearms season in a
8 certain region; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
9 turkey and deer hunting in Talbot County on a Sunday.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 10–405(a) and 10–410(a)(1)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Natural Resources
17 Section 10–410(a)(15)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Natural Resources**

23 10–405.

24 (a) (1) Pursuant to § 10–205 of this title, the Department shall establish by
25 regulation and publish by July 1 each year the open season to hunt forest and upland game

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 birds and mammals.

2 (2) Except as provided under § 10–410 of this subtitle, the Department may
3 not authorize hunting on a Sunday.

4 (3) (i) 1. Subject to subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, the
5 Department shall establish by regulation by July 1 of each year a junior deer hunt to occur
6 on a Saturday and Sunday on the same weekend during a deer hunting season.

7 2. The regulations adopted under this subparagraph may not
8 authorize the junior deer hunt to occur on a Sunday in a county in which deer hunting is
9 not authorized for that Sunday.

10 (ii) A person may participate in the junior deer hunt if the person:

11 1. Is 16 years of age or younger;

12 2. Possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from
13 hunting license requirements; and

14 3. Is accompanied by a person who:

15 A. Is at least 21 years of age;

16 B. Possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from
17 hunting license requirements; and

18 C. Is not in possession of a firearm, a bow, or any other
19 hunting device.

20 (iii) A person who participates in the junior deer hunt may use a
21 firearm to hunt deer on the days of the hunt.

22 10–410.

23 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may not hunt
24 any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

25 **(15) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN TALBOT COUNTY.**

26 **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT TURKEY**
27 **ON A SUNDAY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE JUNIOR HUNT FOR TURKEYS, AS**
28 **ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

29 **(III) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER**
30 **WITH A FIREARM ON A SUNDAY:**

1 **1. THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE JUNIOR DEER**
2 **HUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-405(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

3 **2. DURING ANY SUNDAY DURING THE WINTER PORTION**
4 **OF THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON IN THE DEER MANAGEMENT REGION OF WHICH**
5 **TALBOT COUNTY IS A PART, AS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2020.