

HOUSE BILL 66

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Turkey Hunting on Public Land – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt turkey on public land on certain
4 Sundays in Dorchester County; making this Act an emergency measure; and
5 generally relating to turkey hunting on Sundays.

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

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 10–410.

15 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (6) of this
16 subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

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

21 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase
22 to chase foxes;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

5 A. Pheasants;

6 B. Bobwhite quail;

7 C. Chukar partridge;

8 D. Hungarian partridge;

9 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

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

20 (v) Except on Easter Sunday, in Allegany County and Garrett
21 County, a person hunting turkey on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in
22 May; [and]

23 (vi) In Calvert County, Caroline County, Charles County,
24 Dorchester County, and St. Mary's County, a person hunting turkey on private
25 property on any Sunday during the spring turkey hunting season; **AND**

26 **(VII) IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, A PERSON HUNTING TURKEY**
27 **ON PUBLIC LAND ON ANY SUNDAY DURING THE SPRING TURKEY HUNTING**
28 **SEASON.**

29 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert
30 County, Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, St. Mary's County,
31 Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on private property
32 on:

1 (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November;
2 and

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

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

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

8 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

11 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George’s counties; and

12 (ii) In Baltimore City.

13 (6) A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a
14 firearm on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under §
15 10–405(a) of this subtitle.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
17 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
18 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members
19 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
20 the date it is enacted.