

SENATE BILL 754

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By: **Senator Miller**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2013

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting – Schools – Expanded Safety Zone**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal,
4 from shooting or discharging any firearm or other deadly weapon within a
5 certain distance of a public or nonpublic school; and generally relating to
6 hunting safety zones.

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

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 10–410.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) A PERSON, WHILE HUNTING FOR ANY WILD BIRD OR MAMMAL,**
2 **MAY NOT SHOOT OR DISCHARGE ANY FIREARM OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPON**
3 **WITHIN 500 YARDS OF A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.**

4 **[(2)] (3)** For archery hunters in Carroll County or Frederick County,
5 the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from
6 a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human
7 beings.

8 **[(3)] (4)** During any open hunting season, a person, other than the
9 owner or occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any wild bird or mammal within
10 the safety zone without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

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