

HOUSE BILL 55

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert and St. Mary's Counties – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing for archery hunters in Calvert and St. Mary's counties a
4 safety zone of a certain size within which archery hunting may not take place except
5 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Calvert
6 and St. Mary's counties.

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 and 2014 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 10–410.

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

22 (2) A person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal, may not shoot or
23 discharge any firearm within 300 yards of a public or nonpublic school during school hours
24 or at a time when a school–approved activity is taking place.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

5 (ii) For archery hunters in Harford County or Montgomery County,
6 the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 100 yards from a
7 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

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

11 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2015.