

Chapter 333

(Senate Bill 46)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone

FOR the purpose of establishing for archery hunters in Anne Arundel County a safety zone of a certain size within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Natural Resources
 Section 10–410(g)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–410.

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

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

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

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

~~(III) FOR ARCHERY HUNTERS IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, THE SAFETY ZONE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION EXTENDS FOR 50 100 YARDS FROM A DWELLING HOUSE, RESIDENCE, CHURCH, OR ANY OTHER BUILDING OR CAMP OCCUPIED BY HUMAN BEINGS IF:~~

~~1. THE HUNTER IS ON AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE FROM WHICH THE POINT OF RELEASE OF THE HUNTER IS AT LEAST 10 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND; OR~~

~~2. A HILL OR ANY OTHER BARRIER IS BETWEEN THE HUNTER AND THE DWELLING HOUSE, RESIDENCE, CHURCH, OR OTHER OCCUPIED BUILDING OR CAMP.~~

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.