

# SENATE BILL 817

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Hunting – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain prohibition against hunting on a Sunday and  
4 authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt on a  
5 Sunday on certain land; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer  
6 in a county for a half day on certain Sundays; authorizing the Department to allow  
7 a person to hunt deer in a county for a full day on certain Sundays in certain deer  
8 seasons; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain  
9 date; and generally relating to Sunday hunting.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 10–410(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 10–410.

19 (a) (1) [Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may not hunt  
20 any game bird or mammal on Sundays] **SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS**  
21 **SUBSECTION AND § 10–411 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A**  
22 **PERSON TO HUNT ON SUNDAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OR ON PUBLIC LAND**  
23 **DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

5                   (ii)   An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to  
6 chase foxes;

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

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

11                   A.    Pheasants;

12                   B.    Bobwhite quail;

13                   C.    Chukar partridge;

14                   D.    Hungarian partridge;

15                   E.    Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

21                   (iv)   Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in Calvert,  
22 Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset,  
23 Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on private property with  
24 a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and  
25 the second Sunday in November;

26                   (v)    In Calvert County, Caroline County, Carroll County, Charles  
27 County, Dorchester County, Kent County, and St. Mary’s County, a person hunting turkey  
28 on private property on any Sunday during the spring turkey hunting season;

29                   (vi)   In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public land  
30 that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the spring turkey  
31 hunting season; and

32                   (vii)   A person hunting deer under a Deer Management Permit on any

1 Sunday throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons.

2 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert County,  
3 Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, Queen Anne’s County, St. Mary’s  
4 County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on private  
5 property on:

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

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

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

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

12 (ii) The deer firearms season.

13 (5) Subject to paragraphs (10) and (11) of this subsection, the Sunday deer  
14 hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this subsection do not apply:

15 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, and Prince George’s  
16 counties; and

17 (ii) In Baltimore City.

18 (6) (i) This paragraph applies only in Carroll County.

19 (ii) Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department  
20 may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property from the first Sunday in  
21 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

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

25 (8) (i) This paragraph applies only in Allegany County, Garrett County,  
26 and Washington County.

27 (ii) The Department may allow a person to hunt any game bird or  
28 game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on a Sunday during  
29 the open season for that game bird or game mammal on:

30 1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and

31 2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the

1 Department.

2 (9) (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

3 (ii) Subject to § 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a  
4 person to hunt deer on a Sunday from the first Sunday in October through the second  
5 Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive, on:

- 6 1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and  
7 2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the  
8 Department.

9 (10) (i) This paragraph applies only in Kent County.

10 (ii) Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle and  
11 subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on  
12 a Sunday on private property throughout all deer hunting seasons.

13 (iii) 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2 of this  
14 subparagraph, during firearms season, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer  
15 on a Sunday only from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.

16 2. The time restrictions under this subparagraph do not  
17 apply:

18 A. To a participant in the junior deer hunt under § 10–405(a)  
19 of this subtitle; and

20 B. On private land only on one Sunday designated by the  
21 Department during the firearms season.

22 (11) (i) This paragraph applies only in Montgomery County.

23 (ii) Subject to § 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a  
24 person to hunt deer on a Sunday throughout the deer hunting season on private property,  
25 subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle.

26 (iii) 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2 of this  
27 subparagraph, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday under this  
28 paragraph only from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m.

29 2. The time restrictions under this subparagraph do not  
30 apply:

31 A. To a participant in the junior deer hunt under § 10–405(a)  
32 of this subtitle;

1                   B.     On private land only on one Sunday designated by the  
2 Department during deer bow hunting season; and

3                   C.     On private land only on one Sunday designated by the  
4 Department during the firearms season.

5                   **(12) (I)     SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE**  
6 **DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON ANY ADDITIONAL SUNDAY**  
7 **IN A COUNTY FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ONLY.**

8                   **(II)     THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER**  
9 **ON ANY ADDITIONAL SUNDAY IN A COUNTY FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE**  
10 **UNTIL 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET ON:**

11                   **1.     THREE SUNDAYS IN DEER FIREARMS SEASON;**

12                   **2.     TWO SUNDAYS IN DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON;**

13 **AND**

14                   **3.     ALL SUNDAYS IN DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON.**

15                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2018,  
16 the Department of Natural Resources shall adopt regulations to implement this Act.

17                   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
18 1, 2018.