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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
4 hunt deer during certain time periods on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons
5 ~~from a certain Sunday in October through a certain Sunday in January, inclusive,~~ in
6 Talbot County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt turkey during
7 certain time periods on each Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season in Talbot
8 County; and generally relating to deer and turkey hunting in Talbot County on a
9 Sunday.

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 2021 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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) (1) The Department may allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the
2 game bird and game mammal seasons in:

- 3 (i) Allegany County;
- 4 (ii) Cecil County;
- 5 (iii) Garrett County;
- 6 (iv) St. Mary's County; and
- 7 (v) Washington County.

8 (2) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the
9 deer hunting seasons from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in
10 January, inclusive, in:

- 11 (i) Carroll County;
- 12 (ii) Dorchester County; ~~and~~
- 13 (iii) Frederick County; ~~AND~~
- 14 ~~(iv) TALBOT COUNTY.~~

15 (3) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Department
16 may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from 30
17 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. in:

- 18 1. Kent County; ~~and~~
- 19 2. Montgomery County; AND
- 20 3. TALBOT COUNTY.

21 (ii) The time restrictions under this paragraph do not apply:

- 22 1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under
23 this subtitle;
- 24 2. On one Sunday designated by the Department during the
25 deer firearms season;
- 26 3. In Kent County, on each Sunday during the deer bow
27 hunting season and the deer muzzle loader season; ~~and~~

1 4. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the
2 Department during the deer bow hunting season; **AND**

3 **5. IN TALBOT COUNTY, ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS**
4 **IN OCTOBER AND THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER DURING THE BOW**
5 **HUNTING SEASON.**

6 (4) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer
7 firearms season:

8 (i) On each Sunday in:

- 9 1. Calvert County;
- 10 2. Caroline County;
- 11 3. Charles County;
- 12 4. Harford County;
- 13 5. Queen Anne's County;
- 14 6. Somerset County; and
- 15 7. Worcester County;

16 (ii) On the first Sunday in[:

- 17 1.] Anne Arundel County; and
- 18 [2. Talbot County; and]

19 (iii) In Wicomico County, on:

- 20 1. The first Sunday; and
- 21 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until
22 10:30 a.m.

23 (5) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer bow
24 hunting season on:

25 (i) The last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in
26 November in:

- 27 1. Calvert County;

1 (9) The Department may allow an unarmed person participating in an
2 organized fox chase to chase foxes on Sunday.

3 (10) The Department may allow a person shooting pen-reared game birds
4 or tower-released flighted mallard ducks to hunt on Sunday at a regulated shooting ground
5 in accordance with § 10-906 of this title.

6 (11) The Department may allow a person who is 16 years old or younger to
7 hunt on Sunday if participating in a junior hunt established by the Department in
8 accordance with this subtitle.

9 (12) Except as provided in paragraphs (8) through (10) of this subsection and
10 subject to paragraph (7) of this subsection, a person may not hunt on Sunday in:

11 (i) Baltimore City;

12 (ii) Baltimore County;

13 (iii) Howard County; or

14 (iv) Prince George's County.

15 (13) A person may not hunt migratory game birds on Sunday.

16 (14) A person may not hunt on public land within the State park system on
17 Sunday.

18 (15) The Department may not allow a person to hunt on public land
19 designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday except in:

20 (i) Allegany County;

21 (ii) Cecil County;

22 (iii) Garrett County;

23 (iv) St. Mary's County;

24 (v) Washington County;

25 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting
26 season; and

27 (vii) Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in October
28 through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.