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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Sunday Deer Hunting – Prince George’s County**

3 **PG 402–21**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
5 hunt deer on certain Sundays of the deer hunting seasons in Prince George’s County;
6 authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for
7 hunting on Sunday in Prince George’s County; making conforming changes; and
8 generally relating to Sunday deer hunting in Prince George’s County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 10–410(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 10–410.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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) PRINCE GEORGE'S 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.
- 20 (ii) The time restrictions under this paragraph do not apply:
 - 21 1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under
 - 22 this subtitle;

- 1 2. On one Sunday designated by the Department during the
2 deer firearms season;
- 3 3. In Kent County, on each Sunday during the deer bow
4 hunting season and the deer muzzle loader season; and
- 5 4. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the
6 Department during the deer bow hunting season.

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

9 (i) On each Sunday in:

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

17 (ii) On the first Sunday in:

- 18 1. Anne Arundel County; and
- 19 2. Talbot County; and

20 (iii) In Wicomico County, on:

- 21 1. The first Sunday; and

1 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until
2 10:30 a.m.

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

5 (i) The last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in
6 November in:

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

16 (ii) The first Sunday in November in Anne Arundel County.

17 (6) The Department may allow a person to hunt turkey on each Sunday of
18 the spring turkey hunting season in:

- 19 (i) Calvert County;
- 20 (ii) Caroline County;
- 21 (iii) Carroll County;

1 (iv) Charles County;

2 (v) Dorchester County; and

3 (vi) Kent County.

4 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Department
5 may allow a person with a deer management permit to shoot deer on any Sunday
6 throughout the year in accordance with the terms of the permit.

7 (8) The Department may allow a person using a State certified raptor to
8 hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for the game birds
9 or mammals.

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

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

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

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

20 (i) Baltimore City;

21 (ii) Baltimore County; **OR**

22 (iii) Howard County]; or

23 (iv) Prince George's County].

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

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

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

5 (i) Allegany County;

6 (ii) Cecil County;

7 (iii) Garrett County;

8 (iv) St. Mary's County;

9 (v) Washington County;

10 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting
11 season; [and]

12 (vii) Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in October
13 through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive; AND

14 **(VIII) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2021.