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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Natural Resources – Sunday Deer Hunting and**
3 **Archery Hunting Safety Zones**

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 adding Prince George’s County to the list of counties in which the safety zone for
7 archery hunters extends a certain distance from certain structures; and generally
8 relating to hunting in Prince George’s County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 10–410(a) and (g)(3)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Natural Resources
16 Section 10–410(g)(1) and (2)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Natural Resources**

3 10–410.

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

- 6 (i) Allegany County;
- 7 (ii) Cecil County;
- 8 (iii) Garrett County;
- 9 (iv) St. Mary’s County; and
- 10 (v) Washington County.

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

- 14 (i) Carroll County;
- 15 (ii) Dorchester County; [and]
- 16 (iii) Frederick County; **AND**
- 17 **(IV) PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

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

- 21 1. Kent County; and
- 22 2. Montgomery County.

- 1 (ii) The time restrictions under this paragraph do not apply:
 - 2 1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under
 - 3 this subtitle;
 - 4 2. On one Sunday designated by the Department during the
 - 5 deer firearms season;
 - 6 3. In Kent County, on each Sunday during the deer bow
 - 7 hunting season and the deer muzzle loader season; and
 - 8 4. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the
 - 9 Department during the deer bow hunting season.

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

- 12 (i) On each Sunday in:
 - 13 1. Calvert County;
 - 14 2. Caroline County;
 - 15 3. Charles County;
 - 16 4. Harford County;
 - 17 5. Queen Anne’s County;
 - 18 6. Somerset County; and
 - 19 7. Worcester County;

- 20 (ii) On the first Sunday in:
 - 21 1. Anne Arundel County; and

- 1 (i) Calvert County;
- 2 (ii) Caroline County;
- 3 (iii) Carroll County;
- 4 (iv) Charles County;
- 5 (v) Dorchester County; and
- 6 (vi) Kent County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 23 (i) Baltimore City;
- 24 (ii) Baltimore County; **OR**

1 (iii) Howard County]; or

2 (iv) Prince George’s County].

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

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

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

8 (i) Allegany County;

9 (ii) Cecil County;

10 (iii) Garrett County;

11 (iv) St. Mary’s County;

12 (v) Washington County;

13 (vi) Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey hunting
14 season; and

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

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

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

1 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Allegany County, Calvert County, Carroll
2 County, Cecil County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Montgomery
3 County, **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**, St. Mary’s County, or Washington County, the
4 safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a
5 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

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

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2022.

