

HOUSE BILL 671

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By: **Delegate Glass**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sunday Hunting – Deer Bow Hunting Season**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property on any
4 Sunday during the deer bow hunting season, subject to certain provisions of
5 law; and generally relating to hunting deer on a Sunday during the deer bow
6 hunting season.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 10–410(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 10–410.

16 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), and (7) of this
17 subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

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

22 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase
23 to chase foxes;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

5 A. Pheasants;

6 B. Bobwhite quail;

7 C. Chukar partridge;

8 D. Hungarian partridge;

9 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

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

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

15 (iv) Subject to the provisions of [§ 10–411] **§§ 10–411 AND**
16 **10–415** of this subtitle, [in Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester,
17 Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Washington,
18 Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on private property with a
19 bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the last three Sundays in October
20 and the second Sunday in November] **A PERSON HUNTING DEER ON PRIVATE**
21 **PROPERTY ON ANY SUNDAY DURING THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON;**

22 (v) Except on Easter Sunday, in Allegany County and Garrett
23 County, a person hunting turkey on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in
24 May;

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

28 (vii) In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public
29 land that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the
30 spring turkey hunting season.

31 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert
32 County, Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, Queen Anne’s County, St.

1 Mary's County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on
2 private property on[:

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

5 (ii) Each] EACH Sunday in the deer firearms season.

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

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

10 (ii) The] THE deer firearms season.

11 (5) The Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this
12 subsection do not apply:

13 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George's counties; and

14 (ii) In Baltimore City.

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2014.