

Chapter 666

(House Bill 301)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County – Deer Hunting on Private Property – Sundays

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person in Calvert County and Charles County to hunt deer on private property on certain Sundays with a bow and arrow; authorizing a person in Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County to hunt deer on private property with a crossbow; authorizing a person in Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County to hunt deer on private property on certain Sundays in the deer firearms season; and generally relating to deer hunting on private property on Sundays in Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–410.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. Pheasants;
- B. Bobwhite quail;
- C. Chukar partridge;
- D. Hungarian partridge;
- E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and
- F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was permitted to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

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

(iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in **CALVERT, CHARLES**, Dorchester, Frederick, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow **OR CROSSBOW** during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November.

(3) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 10–415 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY, A PERSON MAY HUNT DEER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON:

(I) THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE BOW HUNTING SEASON IN NOVEMBER; AND

(II) EACH SUNDAY IN THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON.

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

- (i) The bow hunting season in November; and
- (ii) The deer firearms season.

[(4)] (5) The Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph **[(3)] (4)** of this subsection do not apply:

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

(ii) In Baltimore City.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.