

HOUSE BILL 366

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Archery Hunting – Safety Zone**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing for archery hunters a safety zone of a certain size
4 within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting.

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

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 10–410.

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

21 (2) For archery hunters [in Carroll County or Frederick County], the
22 safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a
23 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human
24 beings.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (3) During any open hunting season, a person, other than the owner or
2 occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any wild bird or mammal within the safety
3 zone without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 2013.