

Chapter 601

(House Bill 1482)

AN ACT concerning

Hunting – Domesticated, ~~Stray, or Feral~~ Animals – Prohibited Acts

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally or willfully destroying or damaging a domesticated animal of another person ~~or a stray or feral animal~~ while hunting or pursuing wildlife in certain areas; and generally relating to prohibited acts while hunting or pursuing wildlife.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–410(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–424

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–410.

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

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

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

10-424.

While engaged in hunting or pursuing any wildlife, a person may not:

- (1) Carelessly or negligently shoot, wound, or kill another person; or
- (2) Intentionally or willfully destroy or damage ~~any:~~

(I) ANY real property, personal property, ~~DOMESTICATED ANIMAL,~~ or farm livestock of another person ~~OR ANY STRAY OR FERAL ANIMAL; OR~~

(II) A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL THAT IS IN A SAFETY ZONE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-410(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.