

HOUSE BILL 272

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By: **Delegates Jacobs, Hershey, and Smigiel**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Kent County – Deer Hunting on Private Property – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property in Kent
4 County using certain hunting equipment on certain Sundays during certain
5 hunting seasons; and generally relating to deer hunting on private property on
6 Sundays.

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)

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), and (6) 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 of this subtitle, in
16 Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford,
17 **KENT**, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a
18 person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow during
19 open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in
20 November;

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

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

27 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert
28 County, Caroline County, Charles County, Harford County, **KENT COUNTY**, St.
29 Mary’s County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on
30 private property on:

31 (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November;
32 and

1 (ii) Each Sunday in the deer firearms season.

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

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

6 (ii) The deer firearms season.

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

9 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George’s counties; and

10 (ii) In Baltimore City.

11 (6) A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a
12 firearm on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under §
13 10–405(a) of this subtitle.

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