

**SB0643/383821/1**

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

**AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 643**  
(First Reading File Bill)

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, strike beginning with “repealing” in line 6 down through “requirement;” in line 8 and substitute “repealing certain time restrictions that apply to the hunting of game birds and mammals on certain Sundays on private property in Wicomico County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer bow hunting season in Baltimore City;”; in line 11, after “standard;” insert “requiring the Department to establish certain procedures for a county to request changes to Sunday hunting regulations;”; in line 15, strike “and 10–410(a)” and substitute “, 10–410(a), and 10–906(b)(3)(i)”; and in line 20, after “10–410(a)” insert “and 10–906(b)(3)(i)”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 2, strike beginning with “OR” in line 13 down through the second “LANDSCAPING,” in line 14; in line 25, strike “SHALL” and substitute “:

- 1. MAY NOT AUTHORIZE HUNTING ON SUNDAYS IN:**
  - A. BALTIMORE CITY;**
  - B. BALTIMORE COUNTY;**
  - C. HOWARD COUNTY; OR**
  - D. PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY; AND**
- 2. SHALL;**

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in line 26, strike “**25**” and substitute “**150**”; in the same line, after “**FOR**” insert “**BICYCLING, HIKING,**”; and in line 27, after “**USE**” insert “**, OR OTHER ACTIVE OR PASSIVE RECREATIONAL USE**”.

On page 3, in line 23, strike “Subject to subparagraph (v) of this paragraph,”; and in line 24, strike “, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m”.

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 12 through 20, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 7, strike “**ON**” and substitute “**IN KENT COUNTY AND TALBOT COUNTY, ON**”; and in line 25, after “(6)” insert “**THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON EACH SUNDAY OF THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON IN BALTIMORE CITY.**”

**(7)**”.

On page 6, in lines 2, 10, 13, 15, 18, 21, and 27, strike “(7)”, “(8)”, “(9)”, “(10)”, “(11)”, “(12)”, and “(13)”, respectively, and substitute “**(8)**”, “**(9)**”, “**(10)**”, “**(11)**”, “**(12)**”, “**(13)**”, and “**(14)**”, respectively; in line 3, strike “a person with”; in line 4, after “**A**” insert “**person with a**”; in line 7, strike “**A**” and substitute “**EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY, AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, A PERSON WITH A**”; in line 21, strike “(8)” and substitute “**(9)**”; in the same line, strike “(10)” and substitute “**(11)**”; in line 22, strike “(7)” and substitute “**(8)**”; in line 27, strike “**(I)**”; in the same line, strike the brackets; and strike beginning with “**SUBJECT**” in line 27 down through “**TO**” in line 28.

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 6 through line 5 on page 7, inclusive.

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On page 7, in lines 6 and 8, strike “(14)” and “(15)”, respectively, and substitute “**(15)**” and “**(16)**”, respectively.

On page 8, after line 11, insert:

“10-906.

(b) (3) (i) As part of the application for a regulated shooting ground permit, a person may apply to the Department for authorization to allow hunting on Sunday as provided under [§ 10-410(a)(10)] § 10-410(A)(11) of this title.”.

On page 9, in line 9, strike “Subject to subparagraph (v) of this paragraph,”; and in line 10, strike “, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m”.

On pages 9 and 10, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 9 through line 5 on page 10, inclusive.

On page 10, in line 22, strike “On” and substitute “In Kent County and Talbot County, on”.

On page 11, in line 10, after “(6)” insert “The Department may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer bow hunting season in Baltimore City.”

(7);

after line 21, insert:

**“(III) 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR A COUNTY TO REQUEST CHANGES TO THE SUNDAY HUNTING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COUNTY.**

**2. THE PROCEDURES SHALL, AT A MINIMUM:**

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**A. REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH A LETTER FROM THE COUNTY’S LEGISLATIVE BODY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR LOCAL DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED CHANGES; AND**

**B. PROVIDE FOR CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING NONHUNTERS.**

**3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH GUIDELINES DESCRIBING THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH TO THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE.**;

in line 22, strike “[7]” and substitute “[8]”; in line 23, strike “a person with”; in line 24, after “A” insert “person with a”; in line 27, strike “A” and substitute “Except in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County, and Prince George’s County, a person with a”; and in line 29, strike “[8]” and substitute “[9]”.

On page 12, in lines 1, 3, 6, 9, 16, and 24, strike “[9]”, “[10]”, “[11]”, “[12]”, “[13]”, and “[14]”, respectively, and substitute “[10]”, “[11]”, “[12]”, “[13]”, “[14]”, and “[15]”, respectively; in line 9, strike “[8]” and substitute “[9]”; in the same line, strike “[10]” and substitute “[11]”; in line 10, strike “[7]” and substitute “[8]”; strike beginning with “(i)” in line 16 down through “Sunday” in line 17 and substitute “A person may not hunt migratory game birds on Sunday”; strike in their entirety lines 18 through 23, inclusive; and in line 26, strike “(15)” and substitute “(16)”.

On page 13, after line 28, insert:

“10-906.

(b) (3) (i) As part of the application for a regulated shooting ground permit, a person may apply to the Department for authorization to allow hunting on Sunday as provided under [§ 10-410(a)(11)] § 10-410(A)(5) of this title.”.

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On pages 13 and 14, strike beginning with “That” in line 29 on page 13 down through “stakeholders” in line 4 on page 14 and substitute “That:”

(a) The Department of Natural Resources shall, in accordance with this section, report annually on the impact of this Act on deer management in the State, the safety of hunters and other individuals who engage in outdoor recreation, and the balancing of stakeholder interests.

(b) Reports made under this section shall include:

(1) a summary of any regulations adopted under § 10–410(a)(1) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, during the reporting period;

(2) data regarding hunting related accidents;

(3) summaries of complaints received from any source regarding conflicts between hunters and other individuals engaging in outdoor recreation; and

(4) any recommendations from the Department on strategies to improve safety or decrease conflicts.

(c) On or before December 1, 2027, December 1, 2028, and December 1, 2029, the Department shall, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, submit the reports required under this section to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment and the House Environment and Transportation Committee”.

On page 14, in line 5, after “That” insert “this Act may not be construed to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to allow Sunday hunting in Baltimore County, Howard County, or Prince George’s County:”

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(1) (i) except as provided in Section 10–410(a)(9) through (11) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(ii) subject to Section 10–410(a)(8) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; or

(2) (i) except as provided in Section 10–410(a)(3) through (5) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act; and

(ii) subject to Section 10–410(a)(2) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That”;

in line 9, strike “5.” and substitute “6.”; and in line 10, strike “4” and substitute “5”.