

# SENATE BILL 1031

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters* —

Introduced by **Senator Colburn**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

7 *BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,*

8 *Article – Natural Resources*

9 *Section 10-410(g)*

10 *Annotated Code of Maryland*

11 *(2012 Replacement Volume)*

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13 Article – Natural Resources

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics* indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Section 10-424  
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 3 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

6 **Article – Natural Resources**

7 10-410.

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

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

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

21 10-424.

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

23 (1) Carelessly or negligently shoot, wound, or kill another person; or

24 (2) Intentionally or willfully destroy or damage ~~any~~:

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

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

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