

SENATE BILL 140

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By: **Washington County Senators**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Washington
4 County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain
5 circumstances; requiring that an archery hunter in Washington County be in a
6 certain position when hunting any wild bird or mammal within a certain distance of
7 certain buildings; and generally relating to the archery hunting safety zone in
8 Washington County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 10–410(g)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 10–410.

18 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a
19 person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal may
20 not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the
21 “safety zone”, of a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by
22 human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it is within this area, without
23 the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

24 (2) A person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal, may not shoot or
25 discharge any firearm within 300 yards of a public or nonpublic school during school hours

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 or at a time when a school–approved activity is taking place.

2 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Calvert County, Carroll County,
3 Frederick County, Harford County, Montgomery County, [or] St. Mary’s County, **OR**
4 **WASHINGTON COUNTY**, the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection
5 extends for 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or
6 camp occupied by human beings.

7 (ii) For archery hunters in Anne Arundel County, the safety zone
8 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 100 yards from a dwelling house,
9 residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

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

13 (5) In Harford County, an archery hunter shall use a tree stand when
14 hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of a dwelling house, residence,
15 church, public or nonpublic school, or other building or camp occupied by human beings.

16 (6) In Montgomery County **OR WASHINGTON COUNTY**, an archery
17 hunter shall be in an elevated position that allows the hunter to shoot in a downward
18 trajectory when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of a dwelling
19 house, residence, church, public or nonpublic school, or other building or camp occupied by
20 human beings.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2019.