

SENATE BILL 98

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By: **Senator Carozza**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in
4 Somerset County to hunt on private property ~~on each Sunday~~ during a certain time
5 period on certain Sundays of the game bird or game mammal seasons; establishing
6 an exception to the prohibition against the Department authorizing Sunday hunting
7 on public land for public land in Somerset County leased to a hunt club during a
8 certain time period on certain Sundays; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in
9 Somerset County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 10–410(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 10–410.

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.



1 (a) (1) **(I)** The Department may allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of
 2 the game bird and game mammal seasons in:

3 ~~(i)~~ **1.** Allegany County;

4 ~~(ii)~~ **2.** Cecil County;

5 ~~(iii)~~ **3.** Garrett County;

6 ~~(iv)~~ **4.** St. Mary's County; [and]

7 ~~(v)~~ **5. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
 8 **PARAGRAPH, SOMERSET COUNTY, FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30**
 9 **A.M.; AND**

10 ~~(vi)~~ **6.** Washington County.

11 **(II) THE TIME RESTRICTIONS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)5 OF**
 12 **THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY:**

13 **1. ON EACH SUNDAY OF THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON;**
 14 **AND**

15 **2. ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER AND THE**
 16 **FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER OF THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON.**

17 (2) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the
 18 deer hunting seasons from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in
 19 January, inclusive, in:

20 (i) Carroll County;

21 (ii) Dorchester County; and

22 (iii) Frederick County.

23 (3) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Department
 24 may allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from 30
 25 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. in:

26 1. Kent County; and

27 2. Montgomery County.

28 (ii) The time restrictions under this paragraph do not apply:

- 1 1. To a participant in a junior deer hunt authorized under
- 2 this subtitle;
- 3 2. On one Sunday designated by the Department during the
- 4 deer firearms season;
- 5 3. In Kent County, on each Sunday during the deer bow
- 6 hunting season and the deer muzzle loader season; and
- 7 4. In Montgomery County, on one Sunday designated by the
- 8 Department during the deer bow hunting season.

9 (4) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer

10 firearms season:

- 11 (i) On each Sunday in:
- 12 1. Calvert County;
- 13 2. Caroline County;
- 14 3. Charles County;
- 15 4. Harford County;
- 16 5. Queen Anne’s County; **AND**
- 17 6. [Somerset County; and
- 18 7.] Worcester County;
- 19 (ii) On the first Sunday in:
- 20 1. Anne Arundel County; and
- 21 2. Talbot County; and
- 22 (iii) In Wicomico County, on:
- 23 1. The first Sunday; and
- 24 2. The second Sunday from 30 minutes before sunrise until
- 25 10:30 a.m.

26 (5) The Department may allow a person to hunt deer during the deer bow

27 hunting season on:

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1 (i) The last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in
 2 November in:

- 3 1. Calvert County;
- 4 2. Caroline County;
- 5 3. Charles County;
- 6 4. Harford County;
- 7 5. Queen Anne's County;
- 8 6. [Somerset County;
- 9 7.] Talbot County;
- 10 [8.] 7. Wicomico County; and
- 11 [9.] 8. Worcester County; and

12 (ii) The first Sunday in November in Anne Arundel County.

13 (6) The Department may allow a person to hunt turkey on each Sunday of
 14 the spring turkey hunting season in:

- 15 (i) Calvert County;
- 16 (ii) Caroline County;
- 17 (iii) Carroll County;
- 18 (iv) Charles County;
- 19 (v) Dorchester County; and
- 20 (vi) Kent County.

21 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Department
 22 may allow a person with a deer management permit to shoot deer on any Sunday
 23 throughout the year in accordance with the terms of the permit.

24 (8) The Department may allow a person using a State certified raptor to
 25 hunt game birds or mammals on each Sunday during the open season for the game birds
 26 or mammals.

1 (9) The Department may allow an unarmed person participating in an
2 organized fox chase to chase foxes on Sunday.

3 (10) The Department may allow a person shooting pen-reared game birds
4 or tower-released flighted mallard ducks to hunt on Sunday at a regulated shooting ground
5 in accordance with § 10-906 of this title.

6 (11) The Department may allow a person who is 16 years old or younger to
7 hunt on Sunday if participating in a junior hunt established by the Department in
8 accordance with this subtitle.

9 (12) Except as provided in paragraphs (8) through (10) of this subsection and
10 subject to paragraph (7) of this subsection, a person may not hunt on Sunday in:

- 11 (i) Baltimore City;
- 12 (ii) Baltimore County;
- 13 (iii) Howard County; or
- 14 (iv) Prince George's County.

15 (13) A person may not hunt migratory game birds on Sunday.

16 (14) A person may not hunt on public land within the State park system on
17 Sunday.

18 (15) **(I)** The Department may not allow a person to hunt on public land
19 designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday except in:

- 20 ~~(i)~~ **1.** Allegany County;
- 21 ~~(ii)~~ **2.** Cecil County;
- 22 ~~(iii)~~ **3.** Garrett County;
- 23 ~~(iv)~~ **4.** St. Mary's County;
- 24 ~~(v)~~ **5.** Washington County;
- 25 ~~(vi)~~ **6.** Dorchester County, for turkey during the spring turkey
26 hunting season; [and]
- 27 ~~(vii)~~ **7.** Frederick County, for deer from the first Sunday in
28 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive; **AND**

1 ~~(VIII)~~ **8. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
2 **PARAGRAPH, SOMERSET COUNTY, ON PUBLIC LAND LEASED TO A HUNT CLUB FROM**
3 **30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 10:30 A.M.**

4 **(II) THE TIME RESTRICTIONS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)8 OF**
5 **THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY:**

6 **1. ON EACH SUNDAY OF THE DEER FIREARMS SEASON;**
7 **AND**

8 **2. ON THE LAST THREE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER AND THE**
9 **FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER OF THE DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.