

HOUSE BILL 313

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 **MC 10–17**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Montgomery
5 County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain
6 circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Montgomery County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 10–410(g)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 10–410.

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

22 (2) A person, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal, may not shoot or
23 discharge any firearm within 300 yards of a public or nonpublic school during school hours
24 or at a time when a school–approved activity is taking place.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2017.