

SENATE BILL 312

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Sunday Hunting – Deer Bow Hunting Season**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to
4 hunt deer on private property during the bow hunting season on certain Sundays in
5 Talbot County, subject to certain provisions of law; making a conforming change; and
6 generally relating to Sunday deer hunting in Talbot County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 10–410(a)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Natural Resources
14 Section 10–410(a)(2)(iv) and (12)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Natural Resources
19 Section 10–410(a)(15)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Natural Resources**

25 10–410.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

(2) The following persons may hunt the specified game birds and mammals on Sundays:

(iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Harford, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, [Talbot,] Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November;

(12) (i) This paragraph applies only in Dorchester County.

(ii) Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on private property on the second and third Sunday of the deer firearms season.

(iii) [Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on private property on a Sunday during the bow hunting season from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January the following year, inclusive.

(iv)] Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on private property on a Sunday during the deer muzzle loader season.

(15) (i) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN DORCHESTER COUNTY AND TALBOT COUNTY.

(ii) SUBJECT TO §§ 10–411 AND 10–415 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO HUNT DEER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON A SUNDAY DURING THE BOW HUNTING SEASON FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER THROUGH THE SECOND SUNDAY IN JANUARY THE FOLLOWING YEAR, INCLUSIVE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.