

HOUSE BILL 840

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Deer Hunting on Private Property – Sundays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person in Washington County to hunt deer on
4 certain Sundays on private property with a bow and arrow during certain
5 months; and generally relating to hunting on private property on Sundays.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 10–410(a)(1)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2007 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 10–410(a)(2)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2007 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 10–410.

20 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a
21 person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) A person using State certified raptors to hunt game birds or
2 mammals during open season;

3 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase
4 to chase foxes;

5 (iii) Provided that the provisions of § 10–906(b)(3) of this title are
6 met, a person:

7 1. Using a regulated shooting ground under § 10–906 of
8 this title to hunt the following pen-reared game birds:

9 A. Pheasants;

10 B. Bobwhite quail;

11 C. Chukar partridge;

12 D. Hungarian partridge;

13 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

14 F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was
15 permitted to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

16 2. Having the written permission of the owner of the
17 land or other person designated by the owner of the land, if the land is owned or leased
18 by a person other than the person hunting on Sundays; and

19 (iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in
20 Dorchester, St. Mary’s, Somerset, **WASHINGTON**, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a
21 person hunting deer on private property with a bow and arrow during open season on
22 the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2008.