

HOUSE BILL 1309

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By: **Delegates Frush and Hubbard**

Introduced and read first time: February 16, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Hunting - Expansion of Safety Zone**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the hunter safety zone, within which certain persons
4 are prohibited from discharging a weapon or hunting or chasing birds or
5 mammals without certain permission, to a certain distance from certain
6 buildings; and generally relating to hunter safety zones.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 10-410(g)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 10-410.

16 (g) A person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild
17 bird or mammal may not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon
18 within [150] **300** yards, known as the "safety zone," of a dwelling house, residence,
19 church, or other building or camp occupied by human beings, or shoot at any wild bird
20 or mammal while it is within this area, without the specific advance permission of the
21 owner or occupant. During any open hunting season, a person, other than the owner or
22 occupant, may not hunt or chase willfully any wild bird or mammal within the safety
23 zone without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2009.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

