

HOUSE BILL 138

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 **MC 5–14**

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

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–410(g)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 10–410.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Carroll County [or], Frederick
5 County, **OR MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of
6 this subsection extends for 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any
7 other building or camp occupied by human beings.

8 (ii) For archery hunters in Harford County, the safety zone
9 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 100 yards from a dwelling
10 house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

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

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2014.