

(House Bill 618)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County - Hunting

FOR the purpose of removing the restriction on hunting with artificial light that applies specifically to Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-410(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

10-410.

(e) [(1) Except in Somerset County, a] A person, or two or more persons together, may not hunt or attempt to hunt at nighttime any specie of wild bird or wild quadruped with a light, including the headlights of any vehicle and also between the hours 10 p.m. and dawn a person, or two or more persons together, may not cast the rays of any artificial light when the rays emanate from a vehicle on any woods, fields, orchards, livestock, wild animals or birds, dwellings or buildings. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the normal use of headlights of a vehicle travelling on any public or private road in a normal manner, to any police, emergency or utility company vehicle using spotlights in the performance of their duties, or to any farmer or landowner on his own or leased land using artificial lights to check on livestock or poultry. However, raccoons, fox, or opossum may be hunted on foot at nighttime during open season with the use of a dog and light.

[(2) In Somerset County a person may not hunt or attempt to hunt at nighttime any specie of wild bird or wild quadruped with a light, including the headlights of any vehicle and also at nighttime a person may not cast the rays of any artificial light on any woods, fields, orchards, livestock, wild animals or birds, dwellings or buildings. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the normal use of headlights of a vehicle travelling on any public or private road in the county in a normal manner, to any police, emergency or utility company vehicle using spotlights in the performance of their duties, or to any farmer or landowner on his own or leased land using