

Hunting - Open Season for Certain Game Birds -
Public Hearing

FOR the purpose of requiring that prior to the establishment of an open season for doves, mergansers, woodcock, and wetland game birds, including wild waterfowl, the Department of Natural Resources must conduct public hearings for certain game birds, at least one of which must be held in certain counties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-407
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

10-407.

(A) BEFORE ESTABLISHING THE OPEN SEASON FOR DUCKS, EXCEPT SEA DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWAN AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED SEASON, AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE HELD, ON AN ALTERNATING BASIS, IN WICOMICO, SOMERSET, WORCESTER OR DORCHESTER COUNTIES.

(B) The [department] DEPARTMENT annually shall establish and publish the open season, excepting Sundays, for doves, mergansers, woodcock, and wetland game birds, including wild waterfowl, in conformity with the federal migratory bird rules and regulations adopted annually by the Secretary of Interior of the United States.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved April 14, 1981.

CHAPTER 41

(House Bill 282)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages