

CHAPTER 201

(House Bill 184)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County, Somerset, Worcester, and Wicomico Counties -
Hunting - Use of Artificial Lights

FOR the purpose of excluding St. Mary's County, Somerset, Worcester, and Wicomico counties from the provision of law that permits the casting of rays of artificial light from a vehicle for certain purposes under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-410(e)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

10-410.

(e)(2) (i) Except in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Carroll, Allegany, Garrett, Kent, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, Cecil, Frederick, ST. MARY'S, SOMERSET, and Washington, WICOMICICO, AND WORCESTER counties, a person may cast the rays of an artificial light from a vehicle on woods, fields, orchards, livestock, wild animals or birds for the sole purpose of observing or photographing wildlife until 9:00 p.m.

(ii) If a person casts the rays of any artificial light under this paragraph the person has the burden of establishing that the person was doing so for the purposes of observing or photographing wildlife.

(iii) If a person casting artificial light under this paragraph or anyone with the person casting artificial light has a firearm or bow in their possession the person shall be presumed to be in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved April 29, 1987.