

HOUSE BILL 673

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By: **Delegate Glass**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Harford
4 County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Harford County.

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

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

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 10–410.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

5 (ii) For archery hunters in Harford County, the safety zone
6 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for **[100] 75** yards from a
7 dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human
8 beings.

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

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