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By: **Delegate W. Miller**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 **Ho. Co. 21–17**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 10–410(g)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 10–410.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

10 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Calvert County, Carroll County,  
11 Frederick County, Harford County, **HOWARD COUNTY**, or St. Mary’s County, the safety  
12 zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a dwelling  
13 house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

14 (ii) For archery hunters in Anne Arundel County or Montgomery  
15 County, the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 100 yards  
16 from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human  
17 beings.

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

21 (5) In Harford County, an archery hunter shall use a tree stand when  
22 hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of a dwelling house, residence,  
23 church, public or nonpublic school, or other building or camp occupied by human beings.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
25 1, 2017.