

CHAPTER 508

(House Bill 1550)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County - Hunting at Night

FOR the purpose of restricting the use of lights while hunting at night in Somerset County; permitting local farmers to use artificial lights at night in their routine farm procedures apart from hunting at night; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-410 (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 10-410(e) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

10-410.

(e) (1) EXCEPT 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 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 a person using a light or lights for purposes other than hunting, killing or intentionally assisting to hunt or kill wildlife, 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 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,