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Hotline #8

March 10, 2023

Welcome to the eighth Hotline of the 2023 Maryland General Assembly session. As the legislature moves closer to the bill crossover deadline, the bill hearings will be much more sporadic and the hearing dates publicized within a few days of the hearings. Therefore, this will be our final weekly Hotline for this legislative session. We will send a final Hotline after the session is complete and summarize all the bills we testified on during the session.

This week was filled with bill hearings that ranged from Sunday hunting to farm electricity sales and use tax exemption; and from cannabis reform to tier 1 renewables. We want to thank Paula Linthicum, Montgomery County Farm Bureau member, for coming to Annapolis to testify in-person in the Senate this week. Next week, we will see a significant decrease in bill hearings and long hours in voting sessions for subcommittees and full committees. Floor sessions will ramp up as the legislature looks to move bills before the bill crossover deadline of March 20.

The Hotline will be posted on the [MDFB website](#) each week. Maryland Farm Bureau members are urged to contact their legislators and members of relevant committees in support of Maryland Farm Bureau's positions. Visit Maryland Farm Bureau's [action center](#) to stay up to date on pending legislation on which we have position.

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

HB1118: Middle Shore Counties - Sunday Hunting - Repeal of Time Restrictions

Delegate Hutchinson, E&T at 1:00 PM

This bill removes the 10:30 AM restriction that was placed on the allowing of Sunday hunting in Caroline County, Dorchester County, Talbot County, and Wicomico County. Last year the legislature passed a bill to allow Sunday hunting in Caroline County, Dorchester County, Talbot


County, and Wicomico County. Unfortunately, that bill restricted the Sunday hunting to be only in the morning and until 10:30 AM.

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