

HOUSE BILL 1231

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By: **Delegate Ready**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2011

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Certificate of Competency in Firearms and Hunter**
3 **Safety – Exception**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing an exception for certain members of the United States
5 armed forces and reserve components to the requirement that certain persons
6 obtain a certificate of competency in firearms and hunter safety before obtaining
7 a hunting license; making certain technical corrections; making certain stylistic
8 changes; and generally relating to exceptions to the requirement to obtain a
9 certificate of competency in firearms and hunter safety before obtaining a
10 hunting license.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 10–301.1(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 10–301.1.

20 (a) (1) (i) On or after July 1, 1977, a person under 18 years of age may
21 not procure a hunting license or hunt in the State[,] unless the person has first been
22 issued a certificate of competency in firearms and hunter safety.

23 (ii) On or after July 1, 1977, a person, regardless of age, may not
24 procure a hunting license without producing a certificate of competency or a hunting

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 license issued prior to July 1, 1977, or making out an affidavit that the person had
2 such a license.

3 (2) **(I) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO NONRESIDENTS OF THE**
4 **STATE WHO PURCHASE HUNTING LICENSES IN THE STATE TO HUNT WILDLIFE**
5 **OTHER THAN WILD WATERFOWL.**

6 **(II) This section does not apply to [nonresidents]:**

7 **1. NONRESIDENTS of [Maryland] THE STATE** who
8 purchase a hunting license in the State to hunt wild waterfowl[. However, this does
9 apply to nonresidents of Maryland who purchase hunting licenses in the State to hunt
10 other wildlife]; **OR**

11 **2. RESIDENTS OR NONRESIDENTS OF THE STATE**
12 **WHO ARE SERVING AS ACTIVE DUTY UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**
13 **PERSONNEL OR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS AND ARE STATIONED**
14 **IN THE STATE.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2011.