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By: **Delegate Glass**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Recreational Hunting or Fishing License Applications – Disclosure of**
3 **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that the Department of Natural Resources may
5 require an applicant to provide only certain information on an application for a
6 recreational hunting or fishing license; exempting recreational hunting or
7 fishing license applications from the requirements that a licensing authority
8 require a license applicant to disclose the full Social Security number of the
9 applicant and record the full Social Security number on the application;
10 requiring the Department of Natural Resources to require an applicant for a
11 recreational hunting or fishing license to disclose only a partial Social Security
12 number of the applicant and record the partial Social Security number on the
13 application; altering the information that a request for information from a
14 recreational hunting or fishing license application made by the Child Support
15 Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources to the
16 Department of Natural Resources is required to contain; altering the
17 information from a recreational hunting or fishing license application that the
18 Department of Natural Resources is required to submit to the Child Support
19 Enforcement Administration after receiving a request for information; making
20 certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to information required to be
21 disclosed to or by the Department of Natural Resources on or from a
22 recreational hunting or fishing license application.

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article – Family Law
25 Section 10–119.3
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
29 Article – Natural Resources

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 4–202
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
5 Article – Natural Resources
6 Section 4–205(l), 4–604(d) and (e), and 10–301(d) and (e)
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

11 **Article – Family Law**

12 10–119.3.

13 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

14 (2) “License” means any license, certificate, registration, permit, or
15 other authorization that:

16 (i) is issued by a licensing authority;

17 (ii) is subject to suspension, revocation, forfeiture, or
18 termination by a licensing authority; and

19 (iii) is necessary for an individual to practice or engage in a
20 particular business, occupation, or profession.

21 (3) (i) “Licensing authority” means a department, unit of a
22 department, commission, board, office, or court of the State.

23 (ii) “Licensing authority” includes:

24 1. the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

25 2. the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

26 3. the Department of Human Resources;

27 4. the Department of Transportation;

28 5. the Department of the Environment;

29 6. the Comptroller of the Treasury;

- 1 7. the Department of Agriculture;
- 2 8. the Maryland Insurance Administration;
- 3 9. the Public Service Commission;
- 4 10. the Secretary of State;
- 5 11. the State Department of Education;
- 6 12. the Department of Natural Resources;
- 7 13. the Office of the Attorney General;
- 8 14. the clerks of the court that are authorized to issue a
9 license or certificate for professional services or recreational uses; and
- 10 15. the Court of Appeals.

11 (b) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
12 SUBSECTION, A licensing authority shall:

13 [(1)] (I) require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social
14 Security number of the applicant; and

15 [(2)] (II) record the applicant's Social Security number on the
16 application.

17 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL:

18 (I) REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR A RECREATIONAL
19 HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE TO DISCLOSE ONLY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF
20 THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT; AND

21 (II) RECORD THE APPLICANT'S PARTIAL SOCIAL SECURITY
22 NUMBER ON THE APPLICATION.

23 (c) (1) To carry out its responsibility under State and federal law, the
24 Administration may request from a licensing authority information concerning any
25 obligor in arrears in paying child support through a support enforcement agency.

26 (2) A request for information by the Administration under paragraph
27 (1) of this subsection:

28 (i) shall contain:

- 1 1. the full name of the obligor; and
- 2 2. the Social Security number **OR, AS APPROPRIATE,**
- 3 **THE PARTIAL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** of the obligor; and

4 (ii) may be transmitted to a licensing authority using an

5 electronic format.

6 (3) A request for information may not be made by the Administration

7 to a licensing authority more frequently than four times in each calendar year except

8 with respect to an obligor whom the Administration has reason to believe is licensed

9 by, or has applied for a license from, the licensing authority.

10 (4) In addition to requests for information under this subsection, the

11 Administration may request a licensing authority to periodically share its licensing

12 database with the Administration.

13 (d) (1) Upon receipt of a request for information under subsection (c) of

14 this section, a licensing authority shall submit the following information to the

15 Administration with respect to each obligor who is licensed by, or has applied for a

16 license from, the licensing authority:

17 (i) the full name of the obligor;

18 (ii) the address of the obligor, if known;

19 (iii) the Social Security number **OR, AS APPROPRIATE, THE**

20 **PARTIAL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** of the obligor, if known; and

21 (iv) a description of the license held by the obligor.

22 (2) The information may be transmitted to the Administration in an

23 electronic format.

24 (3) Except as otherwise provided by law, any record compiled under

25 this subsection shall be made available only to a person who has a right to the record

26 in an official capacity.

27 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and subject

28 to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, the Administration may request a

29 licensing authority to suspend or deny an individual's license if:

30 (i) 1. the individual is in arrears amounting to more than

31 120 days under the most recent order; and

32 2. A. the Administration has accepted an assignment

33 of support under § 5-312(b)(2) of the Human Services Article; or

1 B. the recipient of support payments has filed an
2 application for support enforcement services with the Administration; or

3 (ii) the individual has failed to comply with a subpoena issued
4 by the Administration under § 10–108.6 of this subtitle.

5 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, upon
6 notification by the Administration under this section, a licensing authority shall:

7 (i) suspend an individual's license; or

8 (ii) deny the license of an individual who is an applicant for a
9 license from the licensing authority.

10 (3) (i) This paragraph applies if the licensing authority is the
11 Court of Appeals.

12 (ii) If an individual meets the criteria specified in paragraph (1)
13 of this subsection, the Administration may make a referral to the Attorney Grievance
14 Commission for proceedings in accordance with the Maryland Rules governing
15 attorney discipline.

16 (iii) On recommendation of the Attorney Grievance Commission,
17 the Court of Appeals may suspend an individual's license or take other action against
18 the individual as authorized by the Maryland Rules governing attorney discipline.

19 (iv) The Court of Appeals may adopt rules to implement the
20 provisions of this paragraph.

21 (f) (1) At least 30 days before requesting a licensing authority to suspend
22 or deny a license or at least 30 days before making a referral under subsection (e)(3) of
23 this section, the Administration shall:

24 (i) send written notice of the proposed action to the individual
25 whose license is subject to suspension under this section, including notice of the
26 individual's right to request an investigation; and

27 (ii) give the individual a reasonable opportunity to contest the
28 accuracy of the information.

29 (2) (i) Upon receipt of a request for investigation from an
30 individual whose license is subject to suspension, the Administration shall conduct an
31 investigation.

1 (ii) Upon completion of the investigation, the Administration
2 shall notify the individual of the result of the investigation and the individual's right
3 to appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

4 (3) (i) An appeal under this section shall be conducted in
5 accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

6 (ii) An appeal shall be made in writing and shall be received by
7 the Office of Administrative Hearings within 30 days after the notice to the individual
8 whose license is subject to suspension of the results of the investigation.

9 (4) If, after the investigation or appeal to the Office of Administrative
10 Hearings, the Administration finds that it erred in making a decision, the
11 Administration may not send a notification about an individual to a licensing
12 authority or make a referral under subsection (e)(3) of this section.

13 (g) The Administration may not send a notification about an individual to a
14 licensing authority or make a referral under subsection (e)(3) of this section if:

15 (1) with respect to an individual with a child support arrearage:

16 (i) the Administration reaches an agreement with the
17 individual regarding a scheduled payment of the child support arrearage or a court
18 issues an order for a scheduled payment of the child support arrearage; and

19 (ii) the individual is complying with the agreement or court
20 order; or

21 (2) with respect to an individual who failed to comply with a subpoena
22 issued under § 10-108.5 of this subtitle, the individual has complied with the
23 subpoena.

24 (h) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, prior to the
25 suspension or denial of a license under subsection (e) of this section, a licensing
26 authority shall send written notice of the proposed action to the individual whose
27 license is subject to suspension or denial, including notice of the individual's right to
28 contest the identity of the individual whose license or application is to be suspended or
29 denied.

30 (2) If the licensing authority is the Court of Appeals, notice shall be as
31 provided in the Maryland Rules governing attorney discipline.

32 (i) (1) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an
33 individual may appeal a decision of a licensing authority to suspend or deny the
34 individual's license in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government
35 Article.

1 (ii) At a hearing under this paragraph, the issue shall be limited
2 to whether the Administration has mistaken the identity of the individual whose
3 license has been suspended or denied.

4 (2) If the licensing authority is the Court of Appeals, an individual
5 may appeal a decision in accordance with the Maryland Rules governing attorney
6 discipline.

7 (j) The Administration shall notify the licensing authority to reinstate any
8 license suspended or denied under this section within 10 days after the occurrence of
9 any of the following events:

10 (1) the Administration receives a court order to reinstate the
11 suspended license; or

12 (2) with respect to an individual with a child support arrearage, the
13 individual has:

14 (i) paid the support arrearage in full; or

15 (ii) demonstrated good faith by paying the ordered amount of
16 support for 4 consecutive months; or

17 (3) with respect to an individual whose license was suspended or
18 denied because of a failure to comply with a subpoena issued under § 10–108.5 of this
19 subtitle, the individual has complied with the subpoena.

20 (k) A licensing authority shall immediately reinstate any license suspended,
21 or process an application for any license denied, under this section if:

22 (1) notified by the Administration that the license should be
23 reinstated; and

24 (2) the individual otherwise qualifies for the license.

25 Article – Natural Resources

26 4–202.

27 The Secretary is responsible for conservation management of the fish, fisheries,
28 fish resources and aquatic life within the State.

29 4–205.

30 (l) (1) The Department [shall] MAY require an applicant for any
31 recreational license under this title to provide [the applicant's] ONLY:

1 **(I) THE FULL FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAME OF THE**
2 **APPLICANT;**

3 **(II) THE DATE OF BIRTH OF THE APPLICANT; AND**

4 **(III) THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE Social Security number**
5 **OF THE APPLICANT, if the applicant has a Social Security number.**

6 (2) Except as provided in § 10–617 of the State Government Article,
7 the **PARTIAL** Social Security number of an applicant may not be disclosed as part of
8 the public record of the application.

9 4–604.

10 (d) **(1)** A person may apply for an angler’s license to any person
11 designated by the Department.

12 **(2)** The application shall be on a form the Department prepares and
13 supplies.

14 **(3)** The applicant shall fill out, sign and submit the application to the
15 person designated to issue an angler’s license.

16 **(4)** A person may apply by mail.

17 (e) An applicant for a license issued under this section [shall] **MAY BE**
18 **REQUIRED TO** provide [all the information requested by the Department] on forms
19 issued by the Department **ONLY:**

20 **(1) THE FULL FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAME OF THE**
21 **APPLICANT;**

22 **(2) THE DATE OF BIRTH OF THE APPLICANT; AND**

23 **(3) THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**
24 **OF THE APPLICANT.**

25 10–301.

26 (d) **(1)** A person may apply for a hunter’s license to any person designated
27 by the Department.

28 **(2)** The application shall be on a form the Department prepares and
29 supplies.

1 **(3)** The applicant shall fill out, sign, and submit the application to the
2 person designated to issue the hunter's license.

3 **(4)** A person may apply by mail.

4 (e) **(1)** The application [shall] **MAY BE REQUIRED TO** contain [the
5 applicant's name, height, color of eyes and hair, occupation, place of residence, and
6 Social Security number] **ONLY:**

7 **(I)** **THE FULL FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAME OF THE**
8 **APPLICANT;**

9 **(II)** **THE DATE OF BIRTH OF THE APPLICANT; AND**

10 **(III)** **THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY**
11 **NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT.**

12 **(2)** If the applicant is a nonresident, the applicant also shall present
13 the applicant's driver's license, voter's card, or resident hunter's license.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2014.