

HOUSE BILL 1074

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Complimentary Hunting License for Former Prisoners of War or Disabled**
3 **Veterans – Reciprocity**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a lifetime
5 complimentary hunter's license to an out-of-state person who certifies that the
6 person is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American
7 veteran if the person's state of residence extends similar privileges to former
8 prisoners of war or 100% service connected disabled American veterans of this State;
9 and generally relating to reciprocity for complimentary hunting licenses for former
10 prisoners or war or disabled veterans.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 10–303
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 10–303.

20 (a) (1) The Department annually may issue a complimentary hunter's license
21 to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, or an official or an
22 enforcement officer of the game and fish management agency of another state which
23 reciprocally offers complimentary hunting licenses.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) **(I)** The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunter's
2 license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or
3 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

4 **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIFETIME**
5 **COMPLIMENTARY HUNTER'S LICENSE TO AN OUT-OF-STATE PERSON WHO**
6 **CERTIFIES THAT THE PERSON IS A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR OR A 100% SERVICE**
7 **CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN IF THE PERSON'S STATE OF RESIDENCE**
8 **EXTENDS SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR OR 100% SERVICE**
9 **CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF THIS STATE.**

10 (3) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued on
11 forms designated by the Department.

12 (b) For the purposes of this section, "former prisoner of war" means a person who,
13 while serving in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States, was forcibly
14 detained or interned in the line of duty by an enemy government or its agents, or a hostile
15 force, during a period of armed conflict.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2015.