

Chapter 260

(House Bill 554)

AN ACT concerning

~~Nonresident Senior Hunting License – Establishment~~
Natural Resources – Nonresident Senior and Junior Hunting Licenses

FOR the purpose of establishing a nonresident senior hunting license; authorizing a nonresident ~~who owns a certain amount of land in the State~~ to purchase the license beginning in the calendar year in which the nonresident attains a certain age; establishing a certain fee for the license; altering the fee for a nonresident junior hunting license; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to ~~the establishment of a nonresident senior and junior hunting license licenses.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Natural Resources
 Section 10–301(g)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–301.

(g) (1) There shall be the following types of hunting licenses in the State:

(i) A resident hunting license that enables the purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season in Maryland without the purchase of additional stamps, unless the purchaser is hunting migratory game birds or deer during bow and arrow season or black powder season. To hunt migratory game birds the purchaser must also buy a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and to hunt wild waterfowl the purchaser must buy both a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. To hunt deer during bow and arrow season and black powder season the purchaser must also purchase a bow and arrow or black powder stamp.

(ii) A nonresident hunting license that enables the purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season without the purchase of additional stamps unless the purchaser is hunting migratory game birds or deer during bow and arrow season or black powder season. This license enables the purchaser to hunt

migratory game birds only with the purchase of a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and to hunt wild waterfowl only with the purchase of both a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. This license enables the purchaser to hunt deer during bow and arrow season and black powder season only with the purchase of a nonresident bow and arrow or black powder stamp.

(iii) A nonresident 3-day hunting license that enables the purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals except deer and turkey for the 3 consecutive legal hunting days in a single season that are specified on the license by the issuing agent. The purchaser must also purchase a Maryland migratory game bird stamp to hunt migratory game birds and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp to hunt wild waterfowl with this license. Under no circumstance does this license authorize the purchaser to hunt deer and turkey.

(2) ~~(H)~~ Residents **AND NONRESIDENTS** may purchase a senior hunting license beginning in the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65.

~~(H) NONRESIDENTS WHO OWN AT LEAST 25 ACRES OF LAND IN THE STATE MAY PURCHASE A NONRESIDENT SENIOR HUNTING LICENSE BEGINNING IN THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THEY ATTAIN THE AGE OF 65.~~

(3) A nonresident of any age must purchase either a nonresident hunting license or a nonresident 3-day hunting license to hunt in the State.

(4) The fees for hunting licenses are according to the following schedule:

- (i) Resident, junior, under the age of 16 years.....\$ 10.50
- (ii) Resident, regular, at least 16 years old and under the age of 65 years..... \$ 24.50
- (iii) Resident, senior, at least 65 years old.....\$ 5.00
- (iv) Nonresident, regular, at least 16 years old.....\$ 130.00
- (v) Nonresident, junior, under the age of 16 years.....~~\$ 65.00~~ **\$ 32.50**
- (vi) **NONRESIDENT, SENIOR, AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD.....\$ 65.00**
- (VII) Complimentary license authorized to be issued under § 10-303 of this subtitle.....No fee
- [(vii)] **(VIII) Nonresident 3-day hunting license.....\$ 45.00**

(5) The fees for individual hunting stamps are according to the following schedule:

- (i) Bow and arrow stamp.....\$ 6.00
- (ii) Nonresident bow and arrow stamp \$ 25.00
- (iii) Black powder stamp..... \$ 6.00
- (iv) Nonresident black powder stamp \$ 25.00
- (v) Maryland migratory game bird stamp \$ 9.00
- (vi) Resident bonus antlered deer stamp \$ 10.00
- (vii) Nonresident bonus antlered deer stamp for each type of deer hunting season..... \$ 25

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 31, 2017, the Department of Natural Resources shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, describing:

(1) the number of nonresident junior hunting licenses and nonresident regular hunting licenses issued by the Department for license years 2013-2014 through 2016-2017;

(2) the number of nonresident senior hunting licenses issued by the Department for license years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017; and

(3) an estimate of any economic benefits to the State attributable to any increase in the issuance of nonresident hunting licenses, including increased business activity and tax receipts.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.