

HOUSE BILL 1223

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By: **Delegate O'Donnell**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Apprentice Hunting License – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an apprentice hunting license that confers certain rights
4 on a purchaser of the license; authorizing a person to obtain an apprentice hunting
5 license ~~without having first been issued a certificate of competency in firearms and~~
6 ~~hunter safety~~ on completion of a certain course; authorizing certain persons to hunt
7 under an apprentice hunting license only if accompanied and directly supervised by
8 certain other persons; requiring a person who accompanies and directly supervises
9 an apprentice hunting licensee to maintain certain contact with, provide certain
10 direction to, and be in a certain physical position related to the apprentice hunting
11 licensee; authorizing certain apprentice hunting licensees to hunt without
12 supervision under certain circumstances; limiting to a certain amount the number
13 of apprentice hunting licenses that may be issued to a person in the person's lifetime;
14 prohibiting the renewal of an apprentice hunting license; prohibiting the issuance of
15 an apprentice hunting license to certain persons; establishing certain fees for
16 resident and nonresident apprentice hunting licenses; and generally relating to the
17 establishment of the apprentice hunting license.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article – Natural Resources
20 Section 10–301(b)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Natural Resources
2 Section 10–301(g)
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Natural Resources**

8 10–301.

9 (b) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife, and
10 preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or attempt to
11 hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and mammals in
12 the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident hunter’s license. A
13 person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and mammals in Baltimore County
14 or Frederick County without first obtaining a license. A permanent resident of a
15 government reservation may obtain a resident hunter’s license.

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

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

26 (ii) A nonresident hunting license that enables the purchaser to hunt
27 all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season without the purchase of
28 additional stamps unless the purchaser is hunting migratory game birds or deer during
29 bow and arrow season or black powder season. This license enables the purchaser to hunt
30 migratory game birds only with the purchase of a Maryland migratory game bird stamp
31 and to hunt wild waterfowl only with the purchase of both a Maryland migratory game bird
32 stamp and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. This license enables
33 the purchaser to hunt deer during bow and arrow season and black powder season only
34 with the purchase of a nonresident bow and arrow or black powder stamp.

35 (iii) A nonresident 3–day hunting license that enables the purchaser
36 to hunt all legal game birds and mammals except deer and turkey for the 3 consecutive
37 legal hunting days in a single season that are specified on the license by the issuing agent.
38 The purchaser must also purchase a Maryland migratory game bird stamp to hunt
39 migratory game birds and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp to hunt

1 wild waterfowl with this license. Under no circumstance does this license authorize the
2 purchaser to hunt deer and turkey.

3 (IV) 1. AN APPRENTICE 3-DAY HUNTING LICENSE THAT
4 ENABLES THE PURCHASER TO HUNT ALL LEGAL GAME BIRDS AND MAMMALS FOR
5 THE 3 CONSECUTIVE LEGAL HUNTING DAYS IN A SINGLE SEASON THAT ARE
6 SPECIFIED ON THE LICENSE WITHOUT THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL STAMPS
7 UNLESS THE PURCHASER IS HUNTING MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS OR DEER DURING
8 BOW AND ARROW SEASON OR BLACK POWDER SEASON. THIS LICENSE ENABLES THE
9 PURCHASER TO HUNT MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS ONLY WITH THE PURCHASE OF A
10 MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD STAMP AND TO HUNT WILD WATERFOWL ONLY
11 WITH THE PURCHASE OF BOTH A MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD STAMP AND A
12 FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP. THIS LICENSE
13 ENABLES THE PURCHASER TO HUNT DEER DURING BOW AND ARROW SEASON AND
14 BLACK POWDER SEASON ONLY WITH THE PURCHASE OF A BOW AND ARROW OR
15 BLACK POWDER STAMP.

16 2. A. A PERSON MAY OBTAIN AN APPRENTICE
17 HUNTING LICENSE ~~WITHOUT HAVING FIRST BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF~~
18 ~~COMPETENCY IN FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY UNDER § 10-301.1 OF THIS~~
19 ~~SUBTITLE~~ ON COMPLETION OF A SHORT ONLINE OR ELECTRONIC COURSE OF
20 INSTRUCTION IN COMPETENCY IN FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY APPROVED BY
21 THE DEPARTMENT.

22 B. A PERSON MAY HUNT UNDER AN APPRENTICE
23 HUNTING LICENSE ~~WITHOUT HAVING FIRST BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF~~
24 ~~COMPETENCY IN FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY~~ ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED AND
25 DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE
26 AND POSSESSES A VALID RESIDENT NONAPPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE ISSUED
27 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

28 C. A PERSON WHO ACCOMPANIES AND DIRECTLY
29 SUPERVISES AN APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSEE SHALL MAINTAIN CLOSE VISUAL
30 AND VERBAL CONTACT WITH, PROVIDE ADEQUATE DIRECTION TO, AND BE IN A
31 POSITION TO IMMEDIATELY ASSUME CONTROL OF THE FIREARM OF THE
32 APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSEE.

33 3. EXCEPT FOR A PERSON PARTICIPATING IN ~~THE~~ A
34 JUNIOR DEER HUNT HUNT APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AN APPRENTICE
35 HUNTING LICENSEE WHO HAS OBTAINED A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY IN
36 FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY UNDER § 10-301.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY HUNT
37 WITHOUT SUPERVISION.

38 4. AN APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE:

1 A. MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON ONLY ONCE IN THE
2 PERSON’S LIFETIME;

3 B. MAY NOT BE RENEWED; AND

4 C. MAY NOT BE ISSUED TO A PERSON WHO HAS
5 PREVIOUSLY BEEN ISSUED ANY HUNTING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

6 (2) Residents and nonresidents may purchase a senior hunting license
7 beginning in the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65.

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

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

11 (i) Resident, junior, under the age of 16 years \$ 10.50

12 (ii) Resident, regular, at least 16 years old and under the age of 65
13 years \$ 24.50

14 (iii) Resident, senior, at least 65 years old..... \$ 5.00

15 (iv) Nonresident, regular, at least 16 years old..... \$ 130.00

16 (v) Nonresident, junior, under the age of 16 years..... \$ 32.50

17 (vi) Nonresident, senior, at least 65 years old..... \$ 65.00

18 (vii) Complimentary license authorized to be issued under § 10–303
19 of this subtitle..... No fee

20 (viii) Nonresident 3–day hunting license \$ 45.00

21 **(IX) RESIDENT APPRENTICE..... \$ 10.00**

22 **(X) NONRESIDENT APPRENTICE \$ 20.00**

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

25 (i) Bow and arrow stamp \$ 6.00

26 (ii) Nonresident bow and arrow stamp \$ 25.00

- 1 (iii) Black powder stamp..... \$ 6.00
- 2 (iv) Nonresident black powder stamp \$ 25.00
- 3 (v) Maryland migratory game bird stamp \$ 9.00
- 4 (vi) Resident bonus antlered deer stamp \$ 10.00
- 5 (vii) Nonresident bonus antlered deer stamp for each type of deer
- 6 hunting season..... \$ 25

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 8 October 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.