

HOUSE BILL 1531

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By: **Delegate Simonaire**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses – Former Prisoners of War,**
3 **Recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and Disabled Veterans**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue certain
5 complimentary hunting and fishing licenses to a Maryland resident who certifies
6 that the resident is a recipient of the Purple Heart award; authorizing the
7 Department to issue certain complimentary hunting and fishing licenses to an
8 out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war, a
9 recipient of the Purple Heart award, or a 100% service connected disabled American
10 veteran if the person's state of residence extends similar privileges to former
11 prisoners of war, recipients of the Purple Heart award, or 100% service connected
12 disabled American veterans of this State; repealing a certain limit on the number of
13 complimentary angler's licenses for each state other than Maryland that may be
14 outstanding at any time; making a certain complimentary hunting license subject to
15 certain provisions of law; making conforming changes; and generally relating to
16 complimentary hunting and fishing licenses.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Natural Resources
19 Section 4-607, 4-614(a)(2), 4-745(e), and 10-303(a)(2)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Natural Resources**

25 4-607.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) The Department may issue annually a complimentary angler's license
2 to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, and any official of the game
3 and fish department of any other state.

4 (2) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary angler's license to
5 any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war,
6 **RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD**, or 100% service connected disabled
7 American veteran.

8 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIFETIME COMPLIMENTARY**
9 **ANGLER'S LICENSE TO AN OUT-OF-STATE PERSON WHO CERTIFIES THAT THE**
10 **PERSON IS A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR, A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART**
11 **AWARD, OR A 100% SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN IF THE**
12 **PERSON'S STATE OF RESIDENCE EXTENDS SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO FORMER**
13 **PRISONERS OF WAR, RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD, OR 100% SERVICE**
14 **CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF THIS STATE.**

15 (b) [Not more than 20 complimentary licenses for each state other than Maryland
16 shall be outstanding at any time.

17 (c)] A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued without a fee
18 on forms the Department designates.

19 [(d)] (C) For the purposes of this section, "former prisoner of war" means a
20 person who, while serving in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States,
21 was forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by an enemy government or its agents,
22 or a hostile force, during a period of armed conflict.

23 4-614.

24 (a) (2) A trout stamp is not required of the following:

25 (i) A holder of a current resident consolidated senior sport fishing
26 license issued under § 4-216 of this title;

27 (ii) A holder of a lifetime complimentary angler's license for service
28 disabled veterans, **RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD**, or former prisoners of
29 war issued under § 4-607(a)(2) **OR (3)** of this subtitle;

30 (iii) A person authorized by a disability exemption issued under
31 § 4-217 of this title;

32 (iv) A resident serving in the armed forces of the United States while
33 on leave if the resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order while fishing;
34 or

1 (v) A person under 16 years of age.

2 4-745.

3 (e) (1) In this subsection, “former prisoner of war” means a person who, while
4 serving in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States, was forcibly
5 detained or interned in the line of duty by an enemy government or its agents, or a hostile
6 force, during a period of armed conflict.

7 (2) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary Chesapeake Bay
8 and coastal sport fishing license to any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident
9 is a former prisoner of war, **A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD**, or a 100%
10 service connected disabled American veteran.

11 (3) **THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIFETIME COMPLIMENTARY**
12 **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO AN OUT-OF-STATE**
13 **PERSON WHO CERTIFIES THAT THE PERSON IS A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR, A**
14 **RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD, OR A 100% SERVICE CONNECTED**
15 **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN IF THE PERSON’S STATE OF RESIDENCE EXTENDS**
16 **SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE**
17 **HEART AWARD, OR 100% SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF**
18 **THIS STATE.**

19 (4) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued on
20 forms the Department designates.

21 10-303.

22 (a) (2) (i) **[The] SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 10-301.1 OF**
23 **THIS SUBTITLE, THE** Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunter’s license to
24 a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war, **RECIPIENT**
25 **OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD**, or 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

26 (ii) **[The] SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 10-301.1 OF**
27 **THIS SUBTITLE, THE** Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunter’s license to
28 an out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war, **A**
29 **RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD**, or a 100% service connected disabled
30 American veteran if the person’s state of residence extends similar privileges to former
31 prisoners of war, **RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD**, or 100% service
32 connected disabled American veterans of this State.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
34 1, 2016.