

# SENATE BILL 284

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to submit an annual  
4 report to the General Assembly and the Department of Veterans Affairs on  
5 complimentary hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Department of Natural  
6 Resources; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in the report  
7 certain information on applications for and the issuance of the complimentary  
8 licenses and the number of certain complimentary licenses outstanding at certain  
9 times; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to aggregate and report  
10 certain information related to complimentary licenses in certain manners;  
11 authorizing the Department of Natural Resources annually to issue a complimentary  
12 Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license to certain individuals; requiring  
13 the Department of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Department of Natural  
14 Resources, to make available to certain persons certain information about certain  
15 complimentary hunting and fishing licenses; providing for the application of this Act;  
16 providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating  
17 to complimentary hunting and fishing licenses.

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Natural Resources

20 Section 1–405

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

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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 4–607 and 10–303  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Natural Resources  
7 Section 4–745(e)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – State Government  
12 Section 9–907.1  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 **1–405.**

19 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING**  
20 **AND FISHING LICENSES:**

21 **(1) A COMPLIMENTARY ANGLER’S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 4–607 OF**  
22 **THIS ARTICLE;**

23 **(2) A COMPLIMENTARY CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT**  
24 **FISHING LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 4–745(E) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

25 **(3) A COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 10–303**  
26 **OF THIS ARTICLE.**

27 **(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2017, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
28 **DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN**  
29 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AND THE**  
30 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ON COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING AND FISHING**  
31 **LICENSES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

32 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT:**

1           **(1) THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES IN**  
2 **THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR;**

3           **(2) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES**  
4 **THAT WERE REJECTED IN THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR;**

5           **(3) THE NUMBER OF COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES ISSUED IN THE**  
6 **PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR; AND**

7           **(4) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLIMENTARY LIFETIME LICENSES**  
8 **OUTSTANDING AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.**

9           **(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AGGREGATE AND REPORT THE INFORMATION**  
10 **COMPILED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION BY:**

11           **(1) THE STATE OF RESIDENCE OF:**

12                   **(I) APPLICANTS, REJECTED APPLICANTS, AND RECIPIENTS OF**  
13 **COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES; AND**

14                   **(II) HOLDERS OF LIFETIME COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES;**

15           **(2) THE TYPES OF COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES AS DESCRIBED UNDER**  
16 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION;**

17           **(3) WHETHER THE COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES ARE ANNUAL OR**  
18 **LIFETIME LICENSES; AND**

19           **(4) THE STATUS THAT FORMED THE BASIS OF THE APPLICANTS',**  
20 **REJECTED APPLICANTS', AND HOLDERS' ELIGIBILITY FOR THE COMPLIMENTARY**  
21 **LICENSES.**

22 4-607.

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

26           (2) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary angler's license to  
27 any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or 100%  
28 service connected disabled American veteran.

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

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

3 (d) For the purposes of this section, “former prisoner of war” means a person who,  
4 while 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 4–745.

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

12 (2) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary Chesapeake Bay  
13 and coastal sport fishing license to any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident  
14 is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

15 (3) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued on  
16 forms the Department designates.

17 **(4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE ANNUALLY A COMPLIMENTARY**  
18 **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO THE PRESIDENT OF**  
19 **THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNOR OF ANY STATE, AND ANY OFFICIAL OF THE**  
20 **GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT OF ANY OTHER STATE.**

21 10–303.

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

26 (2) (i) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunter’s  
27 license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or  
28 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

29 (ii) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunter’s  
30 license to an out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war  
31 or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran if the person’s state of residence  
32 extends similar privileges to former prisoners of war or 100% service connected disabled  
33 American veterans of this State.

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

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

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
6 as follows:

7 **Article – State Government**

8 **9–907.1.**

9 **THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
10 **RESOURCES, SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO STATE RESIDENTS WHO ARE VETERANS**  
11 **INFORMATION IDENTIFYING OUT-OF-STATE COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING AND**  
12 **FISHING LICENSES FOR WHICH STATE VETERANS ARE ELIGIBLE.**

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
14 1, 2016. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of  
15 May 31, 2019, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this  
16 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.