

SENATE BILL 775

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Recreational License Donation Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to purchase and donate certain recreational
4 hunting or fishing licenses and any corresponding stamps for certain purposes;
5 authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a donated license or stamp
6 only for use by a disabled veteran, a disabled member of the armed services, or a
7 permanently disabled person who requires the use of a wheelchair; requiring a
8 recipient of a donated license or stamp to have certain sponsorship; requiring a
9 recipient of a donated hunting license to meet certain hunting safety requirements;
10 limiting to a certain amount the number of eligible persons that may hunt under the
11 authority of a donated license or stamp during one recreational license year;
12 prohibiting the Department from charging a fee for the issuance of a donated license
13 or stamp; authorizing the Department to issue a donated license or stamp to an
14 eligible resident or nonresident of the State; requiring the Department to post under
15 certain circumstances certain information on its Web site on or before a certain date
16 each year; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring the
17 Department to implement the recreational license donation program at or before a
18 certain time; establishing that certain funds are nonlapsing and not subject to
19 reversion to the General Fund; and generally relating to the establishment of the
20 recreational hunting and fishing license donation program.

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Natural Resources

23 Section 1–405

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

28 **Article – Natural Resources**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **1-405.**

2 (A) A PERSON MAY PURCHASE AND DONATE AN ANGLER'S LICENSE, A
3 CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE, OR A HUNTING LICENSE
4 AND ANY CORRESPONDING STAMPS FOR ISSUANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
5 SECTION.

6 (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A DONATED LICENSE OR STAMP
7 ONLY FOR USE BY A DISABLED VETERAN, A DISABLED MEMBER OF THE ARMED
8 FORCES, OR A PERMANENTLY DISABLED PERSON WHO REQUIRES THE USE OF A
9 WHEELCHAIR.

10 (2) A RECIPIENT OF A DONATED LICENSE OR STAMP SHALL BE
11 SPONSORED BY A NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES
12 RECREATIONAL HUNTING OR FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED VETERANS,
13 DISABLED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED
14 PERSONS WHO REQUIRE THE USE OF A WHEELCHAIR.

15 (3) A RECIPIENT OF A DONATED HUNTING LICENSE IS SUBJECT TO
16 THE HUNTING SAFETY REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 10-301.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

17 (C) ONLY ONE ELIGIBLE PERSON MAY HUNT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF A
18 DONATED LICENSE OR STAMP DURING ONE RECREATIONAL LICENSE YEAR.

19 (D) THE DEPARTMENT:

20 (1) MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DONATED
21 LICENSE OR STAMP; AND

22 (2) MAY ISSUE A DONATED LICENSE OR STAMP TO AN ELIGIBLE
23 RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT OF THE STATE.

24 (E) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2017, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
25 DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ON ITS WEB SITE THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS WHO
26 DONATED RECREATIONAL LICENSES OR STAMPS IN THE PREVIOUS RECREATIONAL
27 LICENSE YEARS, UNLESS A PERSON WHO DONATES A LICENSE OR STAMP REQUESTS
28 ANONYMITY.

29 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
30 SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
31 FOR DONORS, SPONSORS, AND RECIPIENTS OF DONATED RECREATIONAL LICENSES
32 AND STAMPS.

1 **(G) FUNDS COLLECTED FOR LICENSE DONATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION**
2 **ARE NONLAPSING AND MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE**
3 **AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural
5 Resources shall implement the recreational license donation program established under
6 this Act at or before the beginning of hunting license sales for the 2017–2018 hunting
7 license year.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2016.