

## Chapter 403

**(House Bill 1427)**

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of establishing an apprentice hunting license that confers certain rights on a purchaser of the license; authorizing a person to obtain an apprentice hunting license on *satisfactory* completion of a certain course; authorizing certain persons to hunt under an apprentice hunting license only if accompanied and directly supervised by certain other persons; requiring a person who accompanies and directly supervises an apprentice hunting licensee to maintain certain contact with, provide certain direction to, and be in a certain physical position related to the apprentice hunting licensee; authorizing certain apprentice hunting licensees to hunt without supervision under certain circumstances; limiting to a certain amount the number of apprentice hunting licenses that may be issued to a person in the person's lifetime; prohibiting the renewal of an apprentice hunting license; prohibiting the issuance of an apprentice hunting license to certain persons; establishing certain fees for resident and nonresident apprentice hunting licenses; and generally relating to the establishment of the apprentice hunting license.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources  
Section 10–301(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources  
Section 10–301(g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 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.

(b) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife, and preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or attempt to hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and mammals in the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident hunter's license. A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and mammals in Baltimore County

or Frederick County without first obtaining a license. A permanent resident of a government reservation may obtain a resident hunter's license.

(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.

**(IV) 1. AN APPRENTICE ~~3-DAY~~ HUNTING LICENSE THAT ENABLES THE PURCHASER TO HUNT ALL LEGAL GAME BIRDS AND MAMMALS ~~FOR THE 3 CONSECUTIVE LEGAL HUNTING DAYS~~ IN A SINGLE SEASON ~~THAT ARE SPECIFIED ON THE LICENSE~~ 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 BOW AND ARROW OR BLACK POWDER STAMP.**

**2. A. A PERSON MAY OBTAIN AN APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE ON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A SHORT ONLINE OR ELECTRONIC COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN COMPETENCY IN FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

**B. A PERSON MAY HUNT UNDER AN APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED AND DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE AND POSSESSES A VALID RESIDENT NONAPPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

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

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

**4. AN APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE:**

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

**B. MAY NOT BE RENEWED; AND**

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

(2) Residents and nonresidents may purchase a 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

years.....	(ii) Resident, regular, at least 16 years old and under the age of 65	\$ 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.....	\$ 32.50
	(vi) Nonresident, senior, at least 65 years old.....	\$ 65.00
of this subtitle.....	(vii) Complimentary license authorized to be issued under § 10–303	No fee
	(viii) Nonresident 3–day hunting license.....	\$ 45.00
	<b>(IX) RESIDENT APPRENTICE.....</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
	<b>(X) NONRESIDENT APPRENTICE.....</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
schedule:	(5) The fees for individual hunting stamps are according to the following	
	(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
hunting season.....	(vii) Nonresident bonus antlered deer stamp for each type of deer	\$ 25

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.**