

HOUSE BILL 68

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By: ~~Delegate Carey~~ **Delegates Carey and Metzgar**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting and Fishing – ~~Complimentary~~ Discounted Licenses – Purple Heart**
3 **Recipients**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a~~
5 ~~complimentary angler's license, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license, or~~
6 ~~hunting license and any associated State issued stamps or permits to a State~~
7 ~~resident who is a recipient~~ requiring the Department of Natural Resources to
8 establish certain programs to provide discounted angler's licenses and trout stamps,
9 Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses and
10 associated State-issued stamps and permits to State residents who are recipients of
11 the Purple Heart award; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the
12 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
13 termination of this Act; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to
14 complimentary discounted hunting and fishing licenses for recipients of the Purple
15 Heart award.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Natural Resources
18 Section 4-607, 4-745(e), and 10-303
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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22 Article – Natural Resources

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 Section 4-745(a)(1)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Natural Resources**

7 4-607.

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

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

14 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT ~~MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY ANGLER'S~~**
15 **~~LICENSE AND TROUT STAMP TO A MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO IS A RECIPIENT SHALL~~**
16 **ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTED ANGLER'S LICENSES AND TROUT**
17 **STAMPS TO STATE RESIDENTS WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART**
18 **AWARD.**

19 (b) Not more than 20 complimentary ANGLER'S licenses for each state other than
20 Maryland shall be outstanding at any time.

21 (c) A complimentary ANGLER'S license is not transferable and shall be issued
22 without a fee.

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

27 4-745.

28 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section and § 4-217
29 of this title, a person may not fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or in its tributaries up
30 to tidal boundaries or in State waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays
31 and their tributaries without first obtaining a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing
32 license or registration issued under subsection (d)(3) of this section and possessing the
33 license or registration.

1 (e) (1) In this subsection, “former prisoner of war” means a person who, while
 2 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 (2) (I) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary
 6 Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license to any Maryland resident who certifies
 7 that the resident is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American
 8 veteran.

9 (II) ~~THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY~~
 10 ~~CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO A MARYLAND~~
 11 ~~RESIDENT WHO IS A RECIPIENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE~~
 12 ~~DISCOUNTED CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSES TO STATE~~
 13 ~~RESIDENTS WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD.~~

14 (3) A complimentary **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING**
 15 license is not transferable.

16 (4) The Department may issue annually a complimentary Chesapeake Bay
 17 and coastal sport fishing license to the President of the United States, the governor of any
 18 state, and any official of the game and fish department of any other state.

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

21 10-303.

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

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

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

34 (3) ~~THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING~~
 35 ~~LICENSE AND ANY ASSOCIATED STATE ISSUED STAMP OR PERMIT TO A MARYLAND~~
 36 ~~RESIDENT WHO IS A RECIPIENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE~~

1 DISCOUNTED HUNTING LICENSES AND ANY ASSOCIATED STATE-ISSUED STAMPS OR
 2 PERMITS TO STATE RESIDENTS WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART
 3 AWARD.

4 [(3)] (4) A complimentary license is not transferable.

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

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31,
 10 2019, the Department of Natural Resources shall report to the Governor and, in accordance
 11 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the number of
 12 discounted angler’s licenses and trout stamps, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing
 13 licenses, and hunting licenses and associated State-issued stamps and permits issued to
 14 recipients of the Purple Heart award under this Act.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 16 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2020,
 17 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
 18 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.