

Chapter 62

(Senate Bill 113)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Recreational License Incentive Discount Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Recreational License Incentive Discount Program in the Department of Natural Resources; authorizing the Department to offer certain incentive discounts under the Program for certain recreational fishing and hunting licenses under certain circumstances; stating the purpose of the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Recreational License Incentive Discount Program.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 1–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Recreational License Incentive Discount Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

SUBTITLE 9. RECREATIONAL LICENSE INCENTIVE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

1–901.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE RECREATIONAL LICENSE INCENTIVE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

(B) THERE IS A RECREATIONAL LICENSE INCENTIVE DISCOUNT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO OBTAIN RECREATIONAL FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES.

(D) (1) IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT MAY OFFER INCENTIVE DISCOUNTS FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES ISSUED UNDER §§ 4–604, 4–745, AND 10–301 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) AN INCENTIVE DISCOUNT OFFERED OR PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM:

(I) MAY NOT EXCEED 50% OF THE UNDERLYING LICENSE FEE;
AND

(II) MAY BE OFFERED OR PROVIDED FOR A SPECIFIC RECREATIONAL LICENSE ONLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NOT HELD THAT LICENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 2 YEARS.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2018.