

Chapter 123

(House Bill 236)

AN ACT concerning

**Hunting and Fishing Licenses – Active Military, Former Prisoners of War,
Recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and Disabled Veterans**

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the Department of Natural Resources submit ~~a certain report~~ certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; repealing the termination ~~provision~~ provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the issuance of complimentary or discounted hunting and fishing licenses to certain military personnel, former prisoners of war, recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and disabled veterans; and generally relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

BY repealing

Chapter 461 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 461 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 3

BY repealing

Chapter 462 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 462 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
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Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 2

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Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 3

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

Chapter 461 of the Acts of 2017

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

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

Chapter 462 of the Acts of 2017

[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

(1) the number and identity of any other states that have enacted legislation authorizing the issuance of a lifetime complimentary angler's license, a recreational salt water sport fishing license, or a hunting license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran;

(2) the total number of complimentary angler's licenses, recreational salt water sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses issued to Maryland residents under the legislation; and

(3) the total number of complimentary angler's licenses, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses issued by the Department to out-of-state persons under this Act and § 10-303(a)(2)(ii) of the Natural Resources Article.]

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

Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2017

[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

(1) the number of discounted angler's licenses and trout stamps, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses and associated

State-issued stamps and permits issued to recipients of the Purple Heart Award under this Act;

(2) the number and identity of any other states that have enacted legislation authorizing the issuance of a lifetime complimentary angler's license, a recreational salt water sport fishing license, or a hunting license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled veteran;

(3) the total number of complimentary angler's licenses, recreational salt water sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses issued to Maryland residents under the legislation; and

(4) the total number of complimentary angler's licenses, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses issued by the Department to out-of-state persons under this Act and § 10-303(a)(2)(ii) of the Natural Resources Article.]

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.