## By: Delegate Hutchins

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 1998
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

## Clerks of Circuit Courts - Bait, Fishing, and Hunting Documents

3 FOR the purpose of transferring from the clerks of circuit courts to the Department of Natural Resources, or certain designated agents, all responsibilities in connection with issuance of certain fishing, hunting, gunning rig, stationary blind, and blind site licenses, stamps, and permits and collection of fees for these documents; deleting provisions for compensation of clerks in connection with these duties; deleting provisions for notice to clerks about exemption of certain public waterfront property from registration for blind site and stationary blind licenses; barring designation of a clerk as an agent of the Department in connection with issuance of certain documents or collection of certain fees after certain dates; repealing certain provisions for the licensure of live bait dealers; repealing certain restrictions on types and quantities of bait possessed and sold and on transporting of bait; clarifying that certain stamps are not transferable; clarifying duplicative and contradictory provisions with respect to compensation of designated agents for hunting licenses and stamps; deleting certain provisions on accounting for, crediting, and requisitioning certain funds; providing for the transfer of certain blank forms and other documents and records from the clerks to the Department; providing for the effect of this Act on current licenses, permits, and stamps; providing for the construction of provisions relating to the license issuing authority; providing for the effective dates of various sections of this Act; and making stylistic changes.

[^0]BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-209, 10-301(c), (f)(1)(iv), (g), and (i), 10-302(b)(2), 10-305,
10-308(a)(1) and (d), 10-308.1 (a) and (d), 10-309(d) and (f), 10-502(a) and
(c), 10-607(b) and (c), and 10-612(c)(3) and (4), (d)(1), (e), (f), (g), and (i)(3)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

## BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-11A-19
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
BY repealing
Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-308(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Natural Resources
Section 1-107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Natural Resources
Section 1-107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
(As enacted by Sections 1 and 2 of this Act)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-701(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 184 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994)
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
37 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Natural Resources

2 1-107.

3 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN §§ 10-607 AND 10-612 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
4 DEPARTMENT MAY NOT USE A CLERK OF A CIRCUIT COURT AS AN AGENT OF THE
5 DEPARTMENT FOR ISSUANCE OF ANY LICENSE, PERMIT, OR STAMP OR FOR THE 6 COLLECTION OF ANY FEE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

## 7 4-208.

$8 \quad[(a)] \quad$ There is a State Fisheries Management and Protection Fund in the 9 Department. Any money received from any fish and fisheries license, stamp, permit, 10 or application fee as provided in this title, unless otherwise provided shall be credited 11 to the Fund and used only for the scientific investigation, protection, propagation, and 12 management of nontidal finfish.

3 [(b) The clerks of the courts shall transmit to the Department on the first day 14 of each month any money received by them for sport fishing licenses and stamps. The
15 Department shall account for these funds to the Treasurer who then shall credit
16 amounts received to the State Fisheries Management and Protection Fund. The
17 Treasurer shall pay out funds on the warrant of the Comptroller upon requisition of 18 the Department.]

19 [4-11A-19.
20 (a) Any person desiring to sell live bait in Montgomery, Frederick, or 21 Washington County shall apply to the clerk of the circuit court for the county for a live
22 bait dealer's license. The application shall be in the form the Department prescribes,
23 and contain an affidavit signed by the applicant that he is a resident of the county.
24 Upon payment by the applicant of an annual fee of $\$ 10.50$, the clerk of the circuit
25 court may issue a license supplied by the Department to the clerk. As compensation
26 for each bait dealer's license issued, the clerk of the circuit court shall retain 50 cents.
27 Any money collected for license fees during a month shall be forwarded to the
28 Department on the first day of each succeeding month. The Department shall account
29 for the money to the State Treasurer.
(b) A live bait dealer may sell only minnows, chubs measuring less than 6 inches in length, and killifishes and mad toms procured from the waters of the Potomac River. He may not possess more than 750 bait fish of every type at one time. The bait boxes of the live bait dealer shall be open for a Natural Resources police officer to inspect at any reasonable time.
(c) A live bait dealer may not sell more than 35 bait fish to any person in any day. A licensee may not transport bait fish out of the county where purchased or sell it outside that county. A purchaser from the licensee may not resell bait fish but may transport it outside of the county where purchased.]

10-209.
2 [(a)] There is a State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund in the 3 Department. Any money accruing to the Fund from any license, stamp, application, or 4 permit fee provided in this title shall be credited, unless otherwise provided, to this 5 Fund and used only for the scientific investigation, protection, propagation, and 6 management of wildlife.

11 Treasurer shall pay out funds on the warrant of the Comptroller upon requisition of 12 the Department.]

13 10-301. 5 for any county or to] any person designated by the Department. The application shall 6 be on a form the Department prepares and supplies. The applicant shall fill out, sign, 7 and submit the application to the [court clerk or] person designated to issue the 8 hunter's license. A person may apply by mail.
(1) There shall be the following types of hunting licenses in the State:
(iv) A nonresident 3-day hunting license that enables the purchaser

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24 individual hunting stamps shall issue the hunting licenses and individual hunting stamps and collect the fee prescribed in subsection (f) of this section. A hunting license may not be issued to any person under the age of 16 years without the written consent of the person's parent or guardian. The Department shall furnish the hunting licenses and individual hunting stamps to the [court clerk or] designated person. The issuing clerk or] person shall countersign the license, and retain the duplicate copy of the icense. The duplicate copies and money collected every month shall be mailed to the issued, except a senior consolidated annual license and a senior consolidated lifetime

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4 10-302.
5 (b) (2) The agent shall [date and affix any deer, bow and arrow, or black 6 powder stamp purchased on a basic hunting license in accordance with § 10-308 of 7 this subtitle] WRITE OR STAMP THE DATE OF ISSUANCE ON THE FACE OF EVERY 8 CONSOLIDATED AND RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT BASIC HUNTING LICENSE AND 9 INDIVIDUAL HUNTING STAMP THAT THE DESIGNATED AGENT ISSUES UNDER THIS 0 SECTION. EACH INDIVIDUAL HUNTING STAMP SHALL BE AFFIXED TO A LICENSE IN 1 THE MANNER THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES.

10-305.

27 and an individual hunting stamp and $\$ 1$ as compensation for issuing each
28 consolidated hunting license. The balance of the fee is paid over and accounted for in
29 the same manner as hunting licenses.
(3)] The Department shall use $\$ 1$ from the sale of each consolidated hunting license and, except for the fee retained by the issuing [clerk] DESIGNATED AGENT, all of the money derived from the sale of bow and arrow and black powder stamps as follows:

| 34 | $[(i)]$ | (1) | Up to 40 percent to: |
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| 35 | $[1]$. | (I) | Provide bow hunter education; |
| 36 |  | [2.] | (II) |
| 37 ranges; or |  |  |  |

2 program or project related to bow or muzzle loader hunting; and
[1.] (I) Establish an effective and efficient deer checking 5 system during the muzzle loader and bow hunting deer season;
(II) Acquire additional hunter access during the muzzle

7 loader and bow hunting season by:
[A.] 1. The opening of additional State-owned lands to 9 muzzle loader and bow hunting;
[B.] 2. The purchase of rights-of-way or access roads to 11 reach areas not open to muzzle loader and bow hunting;
[C.] 3. The acquisition of additional lands for muzzle
13 loader and bow hunting; and
[D.] 4. The administration of a permit system applicable to
15 newly opened areas; and

17 bow hunting season and provide additional law enforcement personnel as necessary
18 to accomplish additional hunter access under item [2] (II) of this [subparagraph]
19 PARAGRAPH.

20 [(e) The court clerk or designated person shall write or stamp the date of
21 issuance on the face of every consolidated hunting license, resident and nonresident
22 basic hunting license, and individual hunting stamp issued under this section. Each
23 individual hunting stamp shall be affixed in the manner that the Department
24 provides. The recipient shall sign the consolidated hunting license or resident or
25 nonresident basic hunting license in ink.]
26 10-308.1.

27 (a) In addition to the consolidated hunting license, nonresident 3-day hunting
28 license, or resident or nonresident basic hunting license, a person hunting wild
29 waterfowl in the State first shall obtain, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-301 OF THIS
30 SUBTITLE, a Maryland migratory wild waterfowl stamp.
31 (d) (1) A person may obtain a Maryland migratory wild waterfowl stamp for
32 a fee of $\$ 6$ [from the clerk of the circuit court of any county or] from any person
33 designated by the Department. The [issuing clerk or] person designated shall retain
34 the sum of 10 cents as compensation for issuing each stamp. The balance of the fee is
35 paid over and accounted for to the State Treasurer. The Treasurer shall credit all such
36 fees received to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund, in accordance
37 with § 10-209 of this title.

1 2 general public for a period of 3 years, after which time the Department shall shred 3 any unsold expired stamps. All revenues derived from the sale of these stamps shall 4 revert back to the Game Management Fund.

5 10-309.
6 (d) (1) To apply for a license as a master hunting guide, an applicant shall:
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8 any person designated by the Department;
(iii) Pay to the [clerk of the circuit court or] person designated to 2 issue the master hunting guide license a fee of $\$ 100$.

13 (2) As compensation for issuing the license, the issuing [clerk or] 4 designee shall retain 25 cents of each $\$ 100$ fee received under this section.

15 (3) On the first day of each month, the [clerk or] designee shall send to 16 the Department the remainder of the fees received for master hunting guide licenses
17 DURING THE PRECEDING MONTH.
(f) The [clerk of the circuit court or the] person designated by the 9 Department shall issue a master hunting guide license to any applicant who meets 20 the requirements of this section.

21 10-502.
(a) Any nonresident of the State who desires to trap furbearers, except otter or 3 beaver, first shall procure a nonresident trapper's license in addition to any other
4 license required. The license shall be issued only to residents of other states [which]
5 THAT grant the same trapping privileges to Maryland residents.
(c) In addition to the license fee, the [court clerk or] designated person who 27 sells and issues the license may collect a processing fee equal to $10 \%$ of the license fee, 28 and the balance of the fee shall be paid and accounted for in the manner provided by
29 [§ 10-209] § 10-301 of this title.
30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland 31 read as follows:

## Article - Natural Resources

2 1-107.
3 Except as provided in [§§ 10-607 and] § 10-612 of this article, the Department 4 may not use a clerk of a circuit court as an agent of the Department for issuance of 5 any license, permit, or stamp or for the collection of any fee under this article.

6 10-607.

8 DEPARTMENT for a gunning rig license [to the clerk of the circuit court of the county 9 in which the gunning rig is kept or moored when not in use during the hunting
10 season].

1 [Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning] Commission has registered in 2 previous years or will register in the future for any waterfront public property owned 3 by the County and located in the County. To comply with the provisions of this 4 subtitle, the [Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning] Commission need only 5 notify the [clerk of the court in Prince George's County and the] Department that the 6 waterfront public property is unavailable for public registration.

> (d) (1) A riparian owner owning the required amount of shoreline shall certify in writing to the [clerk] PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT that the riparian owner is the owner of the required amount of shoreline. A lessee, licensee, or assignee of a riparian owner shall present to [the clerk] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED 1 BY THE DEPARTMENT a written statement from the riparian owner authorizing the 2 lessee, licensee, or assignee to erect a stationary blind or a blind site. The lessee, 3 licensee, or assignee also shall certify that the riparian owner owns the required 4 amount of shoreline.
(e) (1) A stationary blind or blind site license may be obtained from [the clerk of the circuit court of the county within whose jurisdiction the stationary blind or blind site lies] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
(2) Application shall be made on forms[,] THAT ARE furnished by the Secretary [to the clerks of courts, which] AND provide for the location of the blind and the name of the riparian owner AND SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN $\$ 11.00$ LICENSE FEE. [A person] BEFORE JULY 15, ONLY A RIPARIAN OWNER may apply FOR A STATIONARY BLIND AND BLIND SITE LICENSE, AND SHALL DO SO by mail.
(3) The number of stationary blind and blind site licenses that the [clerk] PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT shall issue to any resident nonowner during 1 day is limited to no more than two.
(4) [The clerk ] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT shall issue the license upon payment of a $\$ 11.00$ fee. The [clerk] PERSON WHO SELLS AND ISSUES THE LICENSE shall retain $\$ 1.00$ to cover issuing costs.
(5) The Department shall provide each [participating county] PERSON 30 DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT with maps designed for public display and 1 indication of the geographic locations of each purchased site.
(f) The license shall bear the Secretary's signature and be countersigned by the issuing [clerk. The clerk] PERSON, WHO also shall fill in the name and address of the licensee and the location of the blind on the attached stub [and mail the stub to the Secretary].
(g) [The clerk] ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT shall issue LICENSES FOR blind [site licenses] SITES WITHIN A COUNTY to:
(1) Riparian owners having less than the required amount of shoreline;

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2 received.

The Department shal inspect any licensed blind site to determine the validity of the
6 certifications in any application upon request of the owner of the shoreline property. If
7 the Department finds that the certifications of the application are erroneous, the
8 Department may revoke the license by written notice to the applicant.
SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland 0 read as follows:

2 4-701.
3 (e) (1) (i) A person shall apply TO THE DEPARTMENT for a new or 4 renewed tidal fish license on the appropriate form provided by the Department and 5 shall submit with the application the annual fee for each activity for which a license 6 is sought.
[(7) Within 48 hours after a court clerk issues a new or temporary license, 2 the clerk shall forward the original copy of the application to the Department. The 3 clerks of court shall forward monthly to the Department all license fees, accompanied 4 by a license report on a form provided by the Department.
(8) Whenever an application is submitted to a court clerk, the clerk shall 6 retain as a processing fee 5 percent of the applicable annual license fee charged under 7 subsection $(\mathrm{d})(1)$ of this section.]
[(9)] (II) The Department shall issue any new tidal fish license within 30 9 days from the date on the temporary license issued by the Department [or the court
10 clerk]. The Department shall send the license by first-class mail to the address
11 indicated on the application.
2 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Administrative Office
13 of the Courts shall develop procedures for the clerk of the circuit court for each county
14 to transfer to the Department of Natural Resources, unissued licenses, permits, and
15 stamps, blank forms, and the records that the clerk has maintained under the
16 Natural Resources Article or otherwise in connection with the issuance of live bait,
17 fishing, and hunting licenses or, in accordance with law, otherwise to dispose of the
18 forms and records that no longer are required in the office of the clerk for budget,
19 auditing, or other purposes.
20 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is not intended, 21 and may not be construed, to affect any license, permit, stamp, or other document 22 issued under the Natural Resources Article and those documents shall continue in
23 effect in accordance with the provisions of that article.

28 the Department of Natural Resources, even if the document originally was issued by
29 a clerk of court.
30 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall 31 take effect July 1, 1998.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall 3 take effect January 1, 1999.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act 35 shall take effect April 1, 1999.

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except for Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.


[^0]:    BY adding to
    Article - Natural Resources
    Section 1-107
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
    BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article - Natural Resources
    Section 4-208
    Annotated Code of Maryland
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