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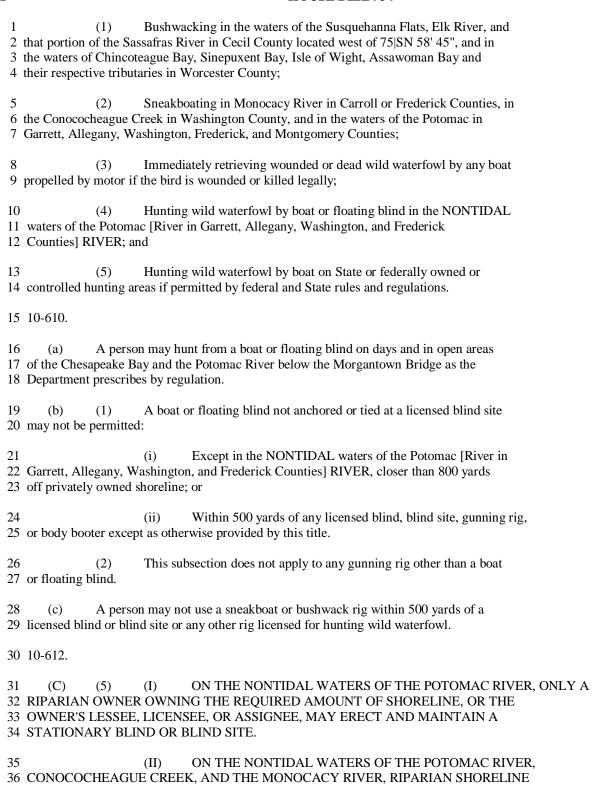
## A BILL ENTITLED

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1	AN	ACT	concerning

## 2 Hunting - Nontidal Potomac River

- 3 FOR the purpose of allowing a person to hunt wild waterfowl from a boat or floating
- 4 blind in the nontidal waters of the Potomac River; altering certain limitations on
- 5 waters subject to a certain restriction; providing that only certain riparian
- 6 owners and other persons may erect and maintain a stationary blind or blind
- 7 site on certain waters; prohibiting certain governmental units and assignees
- 8 from licensing certain shoreline for certain purposes; allowing for the
- 9 consideration of certain safety zones; and generally relating to hunting on
- 10 nontidal waters of the Potomac River.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Natural Resources
- 13 Section 10-606(a) and 10-610
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 16 BY adding to
- 17 Article Natural Resources
- 18 Section 10-612(c)(5)
- 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 20 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 23 Article Natural Resources
- 24 10-606.
- 25 (a) A person may not hunt or purposely or unnecessarily disturb wild
- 26 waterfowl from or in a boat of any description within the State. However, this section
- 27 does not prohibit a person from:

## **HOUSE BILL 934**



- 1 OWNED BY A FEDERAL OR STATE UNIT, OR THE ASSIGNEE OF THE FEDERAL OR
- 2 STATE UNIT, MAY NOT BE LICENSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCLUDING PERSONS
- 3 OTHER THAN THE LICENSEE FROM HUNTING OFFSHORE FOR WILD WATERFOWL.
- 4 HOWEVER, A FEDERAL OR STATE UNIT THAT OWNS RIPARIAN SHORELINE ON THESE
- 5 WATERS MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SAFETY
- 6 ZONE IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF THE UNIT'S SHORELINE. THE SECRETARY SHALL
- 7 REVIEW EACH REQUEST AND DETERMINE WHETHER SUFFICIENT NEED FOR A
- 8 SAFETY ZONE EXISTS.
- 9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 10 July 1, 1999.