## By: Delegate Schisler

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning
2 Natural Resources - Wild Waterfowl Hunting - Shoreline Licenses
3 FOR the purpose of altering the duration of a certain shoreline hunting license;
4 altering the amount and timing of the fee for obtaining a certain shoreline 5 hunting license; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to annually 6 mail a copy of a certain license to each licensee; requiring the Department to 7 provide an additional renewal notice at a certain time before expiration of the 8 license; and generally relating to shoreline hunting licenses.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 10-607(h), (i), and (j) and 10-608(b) and (h)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article - Natural Resources

17 10-607.
18 (h) (1) Riparian landowners, including government agencies, shall license 19 their shoreline [annually] EVERY 5 YEARS in accordance with this section.
20 (2) An applicant for a license shall:
(i) Submit to the Department:

22 1. An application by mail prior to June 1 [of each year] on a
23 form provided by the Department;
2. A map showing the exact location of the shoreline to be 25 licensed and the exact location of the proposed offshore stationary blinds or blind
26 sites, if any;

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2 necessary; and
3. The written permission of adjacent landowners if

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4 if necessary; and
(1) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL 9 MAIL EACH LICENSEE A COPY OF THE CURRENT LICENSE.

## 0 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE A RENEWAL NOTICE WITH THE 1 COPY OF THE CURRENT LICENSE SENT IN THE YEAR BEFORE THE YEAR THE LICENSE 12 EXPIRES.

OF THE FIFTH YEAR OF THE LICENSE the Department shall mal a renewal notice 15 and a renewal application to all riparian landowners who received a license the 16 previous year.

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[(2)] (4) The renewal notice shall state:
(i) The date on which the current license expires;
(ii) The date by which the Department must receive the renewal application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
(iii) The amount of the renewal fee.
(j) Before the license expires, the licensee may renew the license for an additional [1-year] 5-YEAR term, if the licensee:
(1) Is otherwise entitled to be licensed;
(2) Pays to the Department a renewal fee of [\$20] \$100; and
(3) Submits to the Department a renewal application on the form that the Department requires.

10-608.
(b) An applicant for a license shall:
(1) Submit to the Department:
(i) An application on a form provided by the Department; and
(ii) A signed statement that:

1. The location of the blind site is at least 125 yards from all

2 other previously licensed riparian shoreline; and

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4 laws and regulations; and
2. The offshore blind site complies with all other pertinent

5 (2) [Pays] PAY to the Department an application fee of [\$20] \$100 for 6 each license requested.

7 (h) (1) Licenses are valid [until] FOR 5 YEARS AND EXPIRE ON June 30 of 8 the [following] FIFTH year.

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(2) [and] LICENSES shall be issued in the order the applications are

10 received in person.
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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2002.

