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By: **Senator Miller**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Waterfowl - Stationary Blind and Blind Site Licensing**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on the ability of certain owners of  
4 certain property in certain states to license their shoreline adjacent to the  
5 Potomac River to establish certain blinds or blind sites; authorizing owners of  
6 certain property in a certain state to license their shoreline adjacent to certain  
7 waters of the Potomac River to establish certain blinds or blind sites; providing  
8 for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the licensing of  
9 stationary blinds and blind sites.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Natural Resources  
12 Section 10-607(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article - Natural Resources  
17 Section 10-607(b)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Natural Resources**

2 10-607.

3 (a) (1) [This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
4 SUBSECTION, THIS section shall apply only to owners of riparian property in  
5 Maryland regardless of the residency of the owner.

6 (2) Persons owning riparian property in Virginia [or West Virginia] that  
7 is adjacent to the TIDAL WATERS OF THE Potomac River may [not] license their  
8 shoreline under this subtitle.

9 (b) Riparian landowners may license their riparian shoreline:

10 (1) To establish offshore stationary blinds or blind sites for hunting wild  
11 waterfowl; and

12 (2) To prevent other persons from licensing the riparian shoreline for the  
13 purpose of hunting wild waterfowl offshore.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 June 1, 2002.