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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Hunting Licenses and Stamps**

3 FOR the purpose of eliminating certain hunting licenses and stamps; altering certain
4 hunting licenses and stamps; creating a Maryland migratory game bird stamp;
5 altering the fees for certain hunting stamps and licenses; altering the fees paid
6 to license agents for selling hunting licenses and stamps; providing that a
7 portion of the funds from the sale of certain licenses be used for processing deer
8 for the needy; repealing certain licensing exemptions for certain persons;
9 requiring that the proceeds from the sale of certain stamps be used for certain
10 purposes; altering the duties of a certain advisory committee; defining a certain
11 term; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to
12 hunting licenses and stamps.

13 BY renumbering
14 Article - Natural Resources
15 Section 10-101(l) through (bb), respectively
16 to be Section 10-101(m) through (cc), respectively
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article - Natural Resources
21 Section 10-101(a), 10-301(a), (c), (d), (e), (h), and 10-415(a) and (b)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

24 BY adding to

1 Article - Natural Resources
 2 Section 10-101(l)
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 6 Article - Natural Resources
 7 Section 10-301(b), (f), and (g), 10-301.2, 10-302, 10-305, 10-308, 10-308.1,
 8 10-308.2, and 10-415(c) and (d)
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 12 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 10-101(l) through (bb), respectively, of Article - Natural
 13 Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
 14 10-101(m) through (cc), respectively.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
 16 read as follows:

17 **Article - Natural Resources**

18 10-101.

19 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (L) "MIGRATORY GAME BIRD" MEANS ANY WETLAND GAME BIRD, DOVE, OR
 21 WOODCOCK OR ANY PART, EGG, OFFSPRING, OR DEAD BODY OF ANY OF THEM.

22 10-301.

23 (a) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife,
 24 and preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or
 25 attempt to hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and
 26 mammals in the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident
 27 hunter's license. A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and
 28 mammals in Baltimore County or Frederick County without first obtaining a license.
 29 A permanent resident of a government reservation may obtain a resident hunter's
 30 license.

31 (b) (1) The following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license OR
 32 BONUS DEER STAMP:

33 (i) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

34 1. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
 35 owner of the farmland and the owner's spouse, children, and children's spouse; and

1 (iii) A nonresident [basic] hunting license that enables the
 2 purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season
 3 without the purchase of additional stamps unless the purchaser is hunting [wild
 4 waterfowl or deer during bow and arrow season or black powder season.] MIGRATORY
 5 GAME BIRDS. This license enables the purchaser to hunt [wild waterfowl]
 6 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS only with the purchase of a Maryland migratory [wild
 7 waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp and TO HUNT WILD WATERFOWL ONLY WITH THE
 8 PURCHASE OF a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. [This
 9 license enables the purchaser to hunt deer during bow and arrow season and black
 10 powder season only with the purchase of the appropriate deer stamp.]

11 [(iv)] (III) A nonresident 3-day hunting license that enables the
 12 purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals [except deer and turkey] for the
 13 3 consecutive legal hunting days in a single season that are specified on the license by
 14 the issuing agent. The purchaser must also purchase a Maryland migratory [wild
 15 waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp TO HUNT MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS and a federal
 16 migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp to hunt wild waterfowl with this
 17 license. [Under no circumstance does this license authorize the purchaser to hunt
 18 deer and turkey.]

19 (2) [Residents may purchase a senior consolidated license beginning in
 20 the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65, which shall be valid for the
 21 remainder of the purchaser's life.]

22 (3) Residents may purchase a senior [consolidated annual] HUNTING
 23 license beginning in the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65.

24 [(4)] (3) A nonresident of any age must purchase either a nonresident
 25 [basic] hunting license or a nonresident 3-day hunting license to hunt in the State.

26 [(5)] (4) The fees for hunting licenses are according to the following
 27 schedule:

28 (i) Resident, JUNIOR, under the age of 16 years[:]:..... \$18.00

29 [1. Basic hunting license \$ 6.50

30 2. Consolidated hunting license \$15.50]

31 (ii) Resident, REGULAR, at least 16 years old and under the age of
 32 65 years[:]:..... \$36.00

33 [1. Basic hunting license \$15.50

34 2. Consolidated hunting license..... \$24.50]

35 (iii) [1. Senior consolidated annual license for residents]
 36 RESIDENT, SENIOR, at least 65 years old [\$1.25] \$5.00

5.....

1 [2. Senior consolidated lifetime license for residents at least
2 65 years old..... \$12.50]

3 (iv) [Except as provided in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph,
4 nonresident basic] NONRESIDENT [\$120.50] \$140.00

5 (v) [Nonresident basic hunting license for residents of Delaware,
6 Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia..... \$83.00
7 or a fee equal to the fee charged by the nonresident's home state for a similar basic
8 hunting license, whichever fee is greater.

9 (vi)] Complimentary license authorized to be issued under § 10-303
10 of this subtitleNo fee

11 [(vii)] (VI)..... Nonresident 3-day [hunting license] [\$35.00] \$75.00

12 [(6)] (5) The fees for individual hunting stamps are according to the
13 following schedule:

14 (i) [Deer stamp..... \$9.50

15 (ii) Bow and arrow stamp..... \$3.50

16 (iii) Black powder stamp..... \$3.50

17 (iv)] Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD
18 stamp..... [\$6.00] \$9.00

19 [(v)] (II) [Resident bonus] BONUS deer stamp [for each
20 type of deer hunting season] [\$5.00] \$10.00

21 [(vi) Nonresident bonus deer stamp for each type of deer hunting
22 season \$25]

23 (g) The person designated to sell the hunting licenses and individual hunting
24 stamps shall issue the hunting licenses and individual hunting stamps and collect the
25 fee prescribed in subsection (f) of this section. A hunting license may not be issued to
26 any person under the age of 16 years without the written consent of the person's
27 parent or guardian. The Department shall furnish the hunting licenses and
28 individual hunting stamps to the designated person. The issuing person shall
29 countersign the license, and retain the duplicate copy of the license. The duplicate
30 copies and money collected every month shall be mailed to the Department on the
31 first day of the succeeding month each year. The designated person who sells and
32 issues the hunting licenses and individual hunting stamps shall retain as
33 compensation [50] 75 cents for each RESIDENT senior [consolidated annual]
34 HUNTING [license, senior consolidated lifetime license, resident and nonresident
35 basic, or nonresident 3-day hunting license,] LICENSE and individual hunting stamp
36 sold and issued and shall retain as compensation [\$1] \$1.50 for each [consolidated]
37 RESIDENT JUNIOR, RESIDENT REGULAR, NONRESIDENT hunting license AND

1 NONRESIDENT 3-DAY LICENSE sold and issued[, except a senior consolidated annual
2 license and a senior consolidated lifetime license].

3 (h) A hunting license shall be valid for the period August 1 through July 31, of
4 each year.

5 10-301.2.

6 (a) There is a patron's hunting license.

7 (b) The Department shall issue on a yearly basis a patron's hunting license to
8 any person who:

9 (1) Applies to the Department on a form provided by the Department;
10 and

11 (2) Pays \$500.

12 (c) The holder of a patron's hunting license may hunt any game birds or
13 mammals during any open season and in any manner permitted in the State without
14 obtaining any other license OR STAMP, except the federal [and Maryland] migratory
15 wild waterfowl [stamps] STAMP AND THE MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD
16 STAMP.

17 10-302.

18 (a) Any person engaged in a retail business who desires to sell THE resident
19 HUNTING LICENSE, [or] EITHER nonresident [basic] hunting [licenses, consolidated
20 hunting licenses, nonresident 3-day hunting licenses,] LICENSE or individual
21 hunting stamps as an agent under the Department's control and supervision shall
22 apply to the Department on forms prepared and prescribed by the Department. The
23 Department may furnish resident and nonresident [basic] hunting [licenses,
24 consolidated hunting licenses, nonresident 3-day hunting licenses,] LICENSES OF
25 ANY TYPE and individual hunting stamps on consignment to any agent who provides
26 a bond or other security deemed sufficient and adequate by the Department to insure
27 payment for the resident and nonresident [basic] hunting [licenses, consolidated
28 hunting licenses, nonresident 3-day hunting licenses,] LICENSES OF ANY TYPE and
29 individual hunting stamps.

30 (b) (1) The agent shall fill out every license and duplicate license in a legible
31 and proper manner.

32 (2) [The agent shall date and affix any deer, bow and arrow, or black
33 powder stamp purchased on a basic hunting license in accordance with § 10-308 of
34 this subtitle.

35 (3) The agent shall submit any necessary report of sale together with the
36 duplicate license after the first day of each month as long as the agent sells these
37 licenses in accordance with § 10-301 of this subtitle. The report and duplicate licenses
38 shall reach the Department by the seventh day of each succeeding month.

1 [(4)] (3) The Department shall reimburse any agent not operating on
2 consignment the sum paid for unissued resident and nonresident [basic] hunting
3 licenses OF ANY TYPE [consolidated hunting licenses, nonresident 3-day hunting
4 licenses,] and individual hunting stamps provided they are returned intact, and still
5 attached in the issuing books by June 30 of each year, and have been checked and
6 found to be correct by the Department. Every hunting license and individual hunting
7 stamp not returned by June 30 shall be deemed sold and not reimbursable unless
8 accompanied by a statement under oath stating why the hunting license or individual
9 hunting stamp is returned late. The Department, after review, may reimburse the
10 agent.

11 (c) A designated person may not make any false statement concerning any
12 date of issuance or other resident or nonresident [basic] hunting license OF ANY
13 TYPE [consolidated hunting license, nonresident 3-day hunting license,] or
14 individual hunting stamp data. Every hunting license book, duplicate individual
15 hunting license, or individual hunting stamp shall be available for any law
16 enforcement officer to inspect at any time during the regular business day. An agent
17 may not issue any hunting license or individual hunting stamp without receiving the
18 fees required by law. A receipt may not be issued in lieu of a hunting license or
19 individual hunting stamp.

20 (d) In addition to any other penalty provided for by the provisions of this title,
21 any agent convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall have the agent's
22 hunting license and individual hunting stamp issuing privilege rescinded.

23 10-305.

24 If any person loses the person's hunter's license, the person may make affidavit
25 stating the date the license was issued, its number, description, and the name of the
26 designated person who issued the license. Upon receipt of this information the
27 Department may issue a duplicate hunting license for a [\$1] \$10 fee.

28 10-308.

29 (a) [(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, in
30 addition to the basic hunting license, a person hunting deer in the State first shall
31 obtain the appropriate individual hunting stamp.

32 (2) A resident may hunt deer in the State during each season with a
33 consolidated hunting license.

34 (3) A nonresident may hunt deer in the State during regular firearms
35 season with a nonresident basic hunting license.

36 (b) (1) A hunting license or other individual hunting stamp is not required of
37 the following:

38 (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
39 owner or tenant of farmland, the owner's or tenant's spouse and children, or the
40 spouse of any child who resides on the farmland. A tenant is a person holding land

1 under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides in a dwelling on the land, but a tenant
2 does not include any employee of the owner or tenant;

3 (ii) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States
4 while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting, the
5 resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order.

6 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection do not apply to a
7 nonresident owner of farmland.

8 (c) A resident with a basic hunting license shall obtain a deer stamp for a fee
9 as provided in § 10-301(f)(6) of this subtitle. A resident or nonresident with a basic
10 hunting license hunting deer during the bow hunting season shall obtain a special
11 bow hunting deer stamp for a fee as provided in § 10-301(f)(6) of this subtitle. A
12 resident or nonresident with a basic hunting license hunting deer with a muzzle
13 loader during the muzzle loader deer season shall obtain a special black powder deer
14 stamp for a fee as provided in § 10-301(f)(6) of this subtitle.

15 (d) (1) A person may obtain the consolidated hunting license, the resident
16 and nonresident basic license, and individual hunting stamp from any person
17 designated by the Department.

18 (2) The issuing person designated shall retain the sum of 50 cents as
19 compensation for issuing each resident and nonresident basic hunting license and an
20 individual hunting stamp and \$1 as compensation for issuing each consolidated
21 hunting license. The balance of the fee is paid over and accounted for in the same
22 manner as hunting licenses.

23 (3)] The Department shall use \$1 from the sale of each [consolidated]
24 RESIDENT REGULAR AND FULL SEASON NONRESIDENT hunting license [and, except
25 for the fee retained by the issuing person, all of the money derived from the sale of
26 bow and arrow and black powder stamps] as follows:

27 [(i)] (1) Up to 40 percent to:

28 [1.] (I) Provide bow hunter education;

29 [2.] (II) Acquire, construct, and maintain public archery
30 ranges; or

31 [3.] (III) Perform any study necessary to evaluate any
32 program or project related to bow or muzzle loader hunting; and

33 [(ii)] (2) The remaining percentage to:

34 [1.] (I) Establish an effective and efficient deer checking
35 system during the muzzle loader and bow hunting deer season;

36 [2.] (II) Acquire additional hunter access during the muzzle
37 loader and bow hunting season by:

- 1 [A.] 1. The opening of additional State-owned lands to
 2 muzzle loader and bow hunting;
- 3 [B.] 2. The purchase of rights-of-way or access roads to
 4 reach areas not open to muzzle loader and bow hunting;
- 5 [C.] 3. The acquisition of additional lands for muzzle loader
 6 and bow hunting; and
- 7 [D.] 4. The administration of a permit system applicable to
 8 newly opened areas; and
- 9 [3.] (III) Police hunting lands during the muzzle loader and
 10 bow hunting season and provide additional law enforcement personnel as necessary
 11 to accomplish additional hunter access under item [2] (II) of this [subparagraph]
 12 ITEM.

13 [(e) The designated person shall write or stamp the date of issuance on the face
 14 of every consolidated hunting license, resident and nonresident basic hunting license,
 15 and individual hunting stamp issued under this section. Each individual hunting
 16 stamp shall be affixed in the manner that the Department provides. The recipient
 17 shall sign the consolidated hunting license or resident or nonresident basic hunting
 18 license in ink.]

19 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE \$1.00 FROM THE SALE OF EACH RESIDENT
 20 REGULAR AND FULL SEASON NONRESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE TO PROVIDE
 21 FUNDING FOR THE PROCESSING OF DEER FOR DONATION TO THE NEEDY.

22 10-308.1.

23 (a) In addition to [the consolidated hunting license, nonresident 3-day
 24 hunting license, or resident or nonresident basic hunting license] ANY OTHER
 25 REQUIREMENT, a person hunting [wild waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in the
 26 State first shall obtain a Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp.

27 (b) [(1) A Maryland migratory wild waterfowl stamp is not required of the
 28 following:

29 (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
 30 owner or tenant of farmland, the owner's or tenant's spouse and children, or the
 31 spouse of any child who resides on the farmland, when hunting on that farmland. A
 32 tenant is a person holding land under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides in a
 33 dwelling on the land, but not an employee of the owner or tenant;

34 (ii) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States
 35 while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting, the
 36 resident possesses a copy of the resident's leave order; and

37 (iii) Any State resident over the age of 64 years.

1 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection do not apply to a
2 nonresident owner of farmland.

3 (c) The Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp shall be:

4 (1) 2 inches in length and 1 3/8 inches in width, or of another size
5 consistent with similar stamps issued by nearby states;

6 (2) Printed on white, dry-gummed 50-pound English finish paper, or on
7 paper of similar quality; and

8 (3) Perforated on all sides, with an attached tab.

9 [(d)] (C) (1) A person may obtain a Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl]
10 GAME BIRD stamp for a fee of [\$6] \$9.00 from any person designated by the
11 Department. The issuing person designated shall retain the sum of [10] 75 cents as
12 compensation for issuing each stamp. The balance of the fee is paid over and
13 accounted for to the State Treasurer. The Treasurer shall credit all such fees received
14 to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund, in accordance with § 10-209
15 of this title.

16 (2) The Department may sell expired stamps below face value to the
17 general public for a period of 3 years, after which time the Department shall shred
18 any unsold expired stamps. All revenues derived from the sale of these stamps shall
19 revert back to the Game Management Fund.

20 [(e)] (D) The Maryland migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamp shall
21 be affixed to the [consolidated hunting license, nonresident 3-day hunting license,
22 or] resident [and] OR nonresident [basic] hunting LICENSE, OF ANY TYPE, of the
23 person to whom the stamp is issued OR IF THE PERSON IS ENTITLED TO HUNT
24 WITHOUT A LICENSE, CARRIED ON THE PERSON. The recipient shall sign the stamp in
25 ink.

26 [(f)] (E) (1) All revenues accruing to the Wildlife Management and
27 Protection Fund from sales of the migratory [wild waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamps
28 shall be expended solely for the following purposes:

29 (i) [Waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD projects included in an
30 approved State program to create, develop, enhance, maintain, and manage nesting
31 cover, winter foods, and other habitat components on public lands to satisfy the
32 habitat requirements of a broad range of wintering [waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME
33 BIRDS and native [waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD species; [and]

34 (ii) MIGRATORY GAME BIRD RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT, AND
35 SURVEYS; AND

36 (III) Not more than 30% to adopt and implement a program to
37 control the species *Phragmites communis* (phragmites) on private lands.

1 (2) To encourage waterfowl habitat conservation on private lands, the
2 Department shall implement a 10-year licensing agreement for approved projects on
3 privately owned lands detailing the landowner's responsibilities. Expenditures by
4 private landowners on private land for these waterfowl projects approved by the
5 Department and covered by the licensing agreement shall be considered a
6 contribution to the State.

7 (3) The Governor shall appoint a Migratory [Waterfowl] GAME BIRD
8 Advisory Committee of 9 members who have a practical knowledge of [waterfowl]
9 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD habitat conservation, [waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD
10 ecology, [waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD management, or [waterfowl]
11 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD hunting.

12 (4) The Committee shall advise the Department on:

13 (i) Matters relating to expenditures of funds derived from the sale
14 of [State] MARYLAND migratory [waterfowl] GAME BIRD stamps;

15 (ii) [Recommendations to the Migratory Waterfowl Advisory
16 Committee on matters relating to policy,] POLICY, regulations, and legislation
17 RELATED TO MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS; and

18 (iii) [Waterfowl] MIGRATORY GAME BIRD habitat conservation
19 projects.

20 10-308.2.

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a nonresident may hunt snow geese
22 in this State without a resident or nonresident Maryland hunting license if:

23 (1) The nonresident possesses a valid [consolidated or similar] hunting
24 license from the nonresident's home state;

25 (2) The nonresident purchases a Maryland migratory [waterfowl] GAME
26 BIRD stamp; and

27 (3) The nonresident's home state allows a Maryland resident to hunt
28 snow geese without a nonresident hunting license from the home state in accordance
29 with the following conditions:

30 (i) The Maryland resident must possess a valid Maryland
31 [consolidated] hunting license; and

32 (ii) The Maryland resident must purchase a migratory waterfowl
33 stamp from the home state.

34 10-415.

35 (a) There are the following 3 seasons to hunt deer:

36 (1) Deer bow hunting season;

1 (2) Deer firearms season; and

2 (3) Deer muzzle loader season.

3 (b) (1) Every person killing a deer shall report with the deer to a designated
4 checking station within 24 hours after killing the deer.

5 (2) Notwithstanding any requirement of law, if the designated checking
6 stations are closed in the county where a person kills a deer, a Natural Resources
7 police officer shall authorize the person to report with the deer to a designated
8 checking station in another county.

9 (c) (1) Subject to subsection (d)(3) of this section, a person with a
10 [consolidated] hunting license also may purchase bonus deer stamps from the
11 Department.

12 (2) A bonus deer stamp allows the person with the [consolidated]
13 hunting license to hunt 1 deer for each stamp purchased in any of the following
14 hunting seasons for deer in the State:

15 (i) Deer bow hunting season;

16 (ii) Deer muzzle loader season; and

17 (iii) Deer firearms season.

18 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASES A BONUS DEER STAMP BUT DOES
19 NOT USE IT DURING A PARTICULAR SEASON MAY USE THAT STAMP DURING ANY
20 SUBSEQUENT SEASON IN THAT HUNTING LICENSE YEAR.

21 (4) [(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the]
22 THE fee for each bonus deer stamp issued in accordance with this subsection shall be
23 [\$5.00] \$10.00 [for residents and \$25 for nonresidents].

24 [(ii) The fee for each bonus deer stamp issued under this subsection
25 shall be \$5.00 for an individual hunting deer on a federal facility.]

26 [(4)] (5) The Department may establish by regulation the type and
27 number of deer stamps issued under this subsection if necessary to control the deer
28 harvest in various areas of the State.

29 (d) [(1) A person with a basic hunting license and any individual hunting
30 stamp also may purchase bonus deer stamps for use during any deer hunting season.

31 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph and
32 subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the bonus deer stamp allows the person
33 with the basic license to hunt 1 deer in each hunting season for which the person has
34 purchased an individual hunting stamp.

1 (ii) An individual who purchases a bonus deer stamp but does not
2 use it during a particular season may use that stamp during any subsequent season
3 in that hunting license year.

4 (3) (i) (1) The Department may issue a limited number of bonus
5 antlerless deer stamps for the purpose of regulating the harvest of antlerless deer in
6 a particular deer management region or zone.

7 [(ii)] (2) The fee to apply for a bonus antlerless deer stamp is \$5 for
8 residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

9 [(iii)] (3) The fee is nonrefundable if the applicant does not obtain
10 an antlerless deer stamp. If an individual obtains a bonus antlerless deer stamp, the
11 application fee for the stamp will be applied to the fee for the stamp and no additional
12 stamp fee will be required.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 August 1, 2002.