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By: **Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**
(By Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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Migratory Game Bird Stamps

3 FOR the purpose of altering the Maryland migratory game bird stamp required to be
4 purchased by a person hunting migratory game birds; requiring a person to
5 carry a certain receipt while hunting migratory game birds; providing for the
6 effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland migratory game
7 bird stamp.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Natural Resources
10 Section 10-308.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 10-308.1.

17 (a) In addition to any other requirement, a person hunting migratory game
18 birds in the State first shall [obtain] PURCHASE a Maryland migratory game bird
19 stamp.

20 (b) [The Maryland migratory game bird stamp shall be:

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

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

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

6 (c) (1) A person may obtain a Maryland migratory game bird stamp for a fee
7 of \$9.00 from any person designated by the Department. The issuing person
8 designated shall retain the sum of 75 cents as compensation for issuing each stamp.
9 The balance of the fee is paid over and accounted for to the State Treasurer. The
10 Treasurer shall credit all such fees received to the State Wildlife Management and
11 Protection Fund, in accordance with § 10-209 of this title.

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

16 [(d)] (C) [The Maryland migratory game bird stamp shall be affixed to the
17 resident or nonresident hunting license, of any type, of the person to whom the stamp
18 is issued or if the person is entitled to hunt without a license, carried on the person.
19 The recipient shall sign the stamp in ink.] A PRINTED RECEIPT FROM THE
20 DEPARTMENT SHOWING PROOF OF PURCHASE OF THE MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME
21 BIRD STAMP MUST BE CARRIED ON THE PERSON WHILE HUNTING MIGRATORY GAME
22 BIRDS.

23 [(e)] (D) (1) All revenues accruing to the Wildlife Management and
24 Protection Fund from sales of the migratory game bird stamps shall be expended
25 solely for the following purposes:

26 (i) Migratory game bird projects included in an approved State
27 program to create, develop, enhance, maintain, and manage nesting cover, winter
28 foods, and other habitat components on public lands to satisfy the habitat
29 requirements of a broad range of wintering migratory game birds and native
30 migratory game bird species;

31 (ii) Migratory game bird research, management, and surveys; and

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

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

1 (3) The Governor shall appoint a Migratory Game Bird Advisory
2 Committee of 9 members who have a practical knowledge of migratory game bird
3 habitat conservation, migratory game bird ecology, migratory game bird
4 management, or migratory game bird hunting.

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

6 (i) Matters relating to expenditures of funds derived from the sale
7 of Maryland migratory game bird stamps;

8 (ii) Policy, regulations, and legislation related to migratory game
9 birds; and

10 (iii) Migratory game bird habitat conservation projects.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
12 effect August 1, 2003.