
By: **Delegate Edwards**
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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Hunting License Requirements - Exceptions**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an additional exception to a prohibition against hunting
4 without a resident or nonresident hunter's license under certain circumstances;
5 making stylistic changes; and generally relating to exceptions to hunting license
6 requirements.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 10-301(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Natural Resources
14 Section 10-301(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Natural Resources**

20 10-301.

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

1 (b) [(1)] The following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license or
2 bonus antlered deer stamp:

3 [(i)] (1) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

4 [1.] (I) [Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this
5 subsection, the] THE RESIDENT owner of the farmland and the owner's spouse,
6 children, and children's spouse; [and

7 2.] (II) A tenant and the tenant's spouse, children, and, if
8 residing on the farmland, children's spouse. A tenant is a person holding land under a
9 lease, or a sharecropper who resides in a dwelling on the land, but a tenant does not
10 include any employee of the owner or tenant; AND

11 (III) A NONRESIDENT OWNER OF A PARCEL OF FARMLAND LOCATED
12 IN MARYLAND AND AN ADJACENT STATE WHOSE PRIMARY RESIDENCE IS ON THAT
13 PARCEL, AND THE OWNER'S SPOUSE, CHILDREN, AND CHILDREN'S SPOUSE;

14 [(ii)] (2) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United
15 States while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while
16 hunting, the resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order; and

17 [(iii)] (3) Any unarmed person participating in an organized
18 foxhunt.

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

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2004.