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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Lifetime Complimentary Hunter's Licenses - Veterans**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the duration of a complimentary hunter's license for
4 certain veterans from 1 year to the lifetime of the licensee; and generally
5 relating to lifetime complimentary hunter's licenses for certain veterans.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 10-303
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 10-303.

15 (a) (1) The Department annually may issue a complimentary hunter's
16 license to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, [any
17 Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or 100%
18 service connected disabled American veteran,] or an official or an enforcement officer
19 of the game and fish management agency of another state which reciprocally offers
20 complimentary hunting licenses.

21 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIFETIME COMPLIMENTARY
22 HUNTER'S LICENSE TO A MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO CERTIFIES THAT THE
23 RESIDENT IS A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR OR 100% SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED
24 AMERICAN VETERAN.

25 (3) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued on
26 forms designated by the Department.

1 (b) For the purposes of this section, "former prisoner of war" means a person
2 who, while serving in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States,
3 was forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by an enemy government or its
4 agents, or a hostile force, during a period of armed conflict.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 June 1, 2006.