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By: **Delegates Haddaway and Eckardt**  
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting Licenses - Exemptions from License Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of adding to the list of eligible persons for exemptions from a  
4 hunting license requirement; allowing certain relatives of an owner of farmland  
5 to hunt without a license; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the  
6 exceptions to the hunting license requirement.

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 2005 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 2005 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) The following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license or  
2 bonus antlered deer stamp:

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

4 (i) The resident owner of the farmland and the owner's spouse,  
5 [children, and children's spouse] CHILD, INCLUDING FOSTER OR STEPCHILD, CHILD'S  
6 SPOUSE, GRANDCHILD, INCLUDING FOSTER OR STEPGRANDCHILD, PARENT, OR  
7 SIBLING;

8 (ii) A tenant and the tenant's spouse, [children, and, if residing on  
9 the farmland, children's spouse] CHILD, AND IF RESIDING ON THE FARMLAND,  
10 CHILD'S SPOUSE. A tenant is a person holding land under a lease, or a sharecropper  
11 who resides in a dwelling on the land, but a tenant does not include any employee of  
12 the owner or tenant; and

13 (iii) A nonresident owner of a parcel of farmland and the owner's  
14 spouse, [children, and children's spouse] CHILD, AND IF RESIDING ON THE  
15 FARMLAND, CHILD'S SPOUSE if:

16 1. The parcel of farmland is located in Maryland and an  
17 adjacent state;

18 2. The owner's primary residence is on the parcel of  
19 farmland; and

20 3. The adjacent state extends similar privileges to a resident  
21 of Maryland;

22 (2) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States while  
23 on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting, the resident  
24 possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order; and

25 (3) Any unarmed person participating in an organized foxhunt.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2006.