
By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting - Exemptions from License and Stamp Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the list of individuals eligible for exemptions from a
4 certain requirement for a hunting license and stamp; including certain
5 additional stamps in the exemption; defining a certain term; making stylistic
6 changes; and generally relating to the exceptions to the hunting license and
7 stamp requirement.

8 BY renumbering
9 Article - Natural Resources
10 Section 10-301(c) through (n), respectively
11 to be Section 10-301(d) through (o), respectively
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Natural Resources
16 Section 10-301(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article - Natural Resources
21 Section 10-301(a) and (b)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 10-301(c) through (n), respectively, of Article - Natural
26 Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
27 10-301(d) through (o), respectively.

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

3 **Article - Natural Resources**

4 10-301.

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CHILD" INCLUDES:

6 (1) FOSTER CHILD;

7 (2) FOSTER GRANDCHILD;

8 (3) GRANDCHILD;

9 (4) STEPCHILD; AND

10 (5) STEPGRANDCHILD.

11 [(a)] (B) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing
12 wildlife, and preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not
13 hunt or attempt to hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game
14 birds and mammals in the State without first having procured either a resident or
15 nonresident hunter's license. A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame
16 birds and mammals in Baltimore County or Frederick County without first obtaining
17 a license. A permanent resident of a government reservation may obtain a resident
18 hunter's license.

19 [(b)] (C) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
20 SUBSECTION, THE following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license,
21 BOW AND ARROW STAMP, BLACK POWDER STAMP, or bonus antlered deer stamp:

22 [(1)] (I) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

23 [(i)] 1. The resident owner of the farmland and the owner's
24 spouse[, children, and children's spouse] AND CHILD;

25 [(ii)] 2. A tenant and the tenant's spouse[, children, and, if
26 residing on the farmland, children's spouse] AND CHILD. A tenant is a person holding
27 land under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides in a dwelling on the land, but a
28 tenant does not include any employee of the owner or tenant; and

29 [(iii)] 3. A nonresident owner of a parcel of farmland and the
30 owner's spouse[, children, and children's spouse] AND CHILD if:

31 [1.] A. The parcel of farmland is located in Maryland and an
32 adjacent state;

33 [2.] B. The owner's primary residence is on the parcel of
34 farmland; and

1 [3.] C. The adjacent state extends similar privileges to a
2 resident of Maryland;

3 [(2)] (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; and

6 [(3)] (III) Any unarmed person participating in an organized foxhunt.

7 (2) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE LICENSE AND STAMP EXEMPTION IN
8 ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CHILD MUST BE
9 ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE A JUNIOR RESIDENT OR JUNIOR NONRESIDENT HUNTING
10 LICENSE.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2006.