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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 282

(Delegate Myers, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Natural Resources - Lifetime Complimentary Hunter's Licenses - Veterans

This bill increases the duration of a complimentary hunter's license for a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or 100% service-connected disabled American veteran. The duration is increased from one year to the lifetime of the licensee.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect State operations or finances. Any decrease in workload for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would be minimal.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: DNR is authorized to issue a complimentary annual hunter's license to specified individuals, including any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or 100% service-connected disabled American veteran. A complimentary license is not transferable.

Background: According to the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, as of September 2005, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that there are 3,984 100% service-connected disabled veterans in Maryland.

DNR advises that it issued 74 complimentary licenses in 2004.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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