

HOUSE BILL 334

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Complimentary Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License – POWs and Disabled**
3 **Veterans**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a
5 lifetime complimentary Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license to certain
6 veterans; providing that there is no fee for the complimentary license;
7 establishing that the complimentary license is not transferable; providing for
8 certain procedures for the issuance of the complimentary license; and generally
9 relating to the lifetime complimentary Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 4–745(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Natural Resources
17 Section 4–745(f)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

Article – Natural Resources

4–745.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section and § 4–217 of this title, a person may not fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or in its tributaries up to tidal boundaries without first obtaining a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license.

(2) The license may be obtained from the Department or from any authorized agent of the Department. The following annual license fees shall apply:

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| (i) | Resident..... | \$9 |
| (ii) | Short-term license valid for 5 consecutive days from date of issue | \$6 |
| (iii) | Nonresident..... | \$14 |
| (iv) | Resident and nonresident blind persons..... | No fee |

(V) COMPLIMENTARY LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION..... NO FEE

(3) Except for a license issued under subsection (d) of this section, every Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license shall be valid for not more than 1 year and shall expire on December 31.

(F) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “FORMER PRISONER OF WAR” MEANS A PERSON WHO, WHILE SERVING IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, OR AIR SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, WAS FORCIBLY DETAINED OR INTERNED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY AN ENEMY GOVERNMENT OR ITS AGENTS, OR A HOSTILE FORCE, DURING A PERIOD OF ARMED CONFLICT.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIFETIME COMPLIMENTARY CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO ANY MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO CERTIFIES THAT THE RESIDENT IS A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR OR A 100% SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN.

1 **(3) A COMPLIMENTARY LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE AND**
2 **SHALL BE ISSUED ON FORMS THE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATES.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 June 1, 2007.