SENATE BILL 443

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By: **Senators Colburn, Middleton, and Stoltzfus** Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2007 Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Natural Resources – Hunting Licenses and Stamps – Exemptions

- FOR the purpose of altering the list of individuals eligible for exemptions from a certain requirement for a hunting license and stamp; repealing a provision that establishes certain eligibility criteria for a certain exemption; and generally
- 6 relating to exemptions from the hunting license and stamp requirement.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 8 Article Natural Resources
- 9 Section 10–301(a) and (b)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 13 Article Natural Resources
- 14 Section 10–301(c)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2006 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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1	(a)	this section, "child" includes:	
2		Foster child;	
3		Foster grandchild;	
4		Grandchild;	
5		Stepchild; and	
6		Stepgrandchild.	
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	(b) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife, and preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or attempt to hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and mammals in the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident hunter's license. A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and mammals in Baltimore County or Frederick County without first obtaining a license. A permanent resident of a government reservation may obtain a resident hunter's license.		
15 16 17	following per) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the] T as are not required to obtain a hunter's license, bow and arrow state amp, or bonus antlered deer stamp:	
18		[(i)] (1) With respect to hunting on farmland only:	
19 20	THE owner's	[1.] (I) The resident owner of the farmland [and the sequence of the farmland [and the sequence of the sequenc	he],
21 22 23 24	[2.] (II) A tenant [and the], THE tenant's spouse and child, AND THE CHILD'S SPOUSE. A tenant is a person holding land under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides in a dwelling on the land, but a tenant does not include any employee of the owner or tenant; and		
25		[3.] (III) A nonresident owner of a parcel of farmly	and
26	[and the], TH	owner's spouse and child, AND THE CHILD'S SPOUSE, if:	

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[B.] **2.** The owner's primary residence is on the parcel 1 2 of farmland; and 3 [C.] **3.** The adjacent state extends similar privileges to a resident of Maryland; 4 5 [(ii)] **(2)** Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United 6 States while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting, 7 the resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order; and 8 [(iii)] **(3)** Any unarmed person participating in an organized 9 foxhunt. 10 $\left[(2) \right]$ In order to qualify for the license and stamp exemption in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection, a child must be eligible to purchase a 11 junior resident or junior nonresident hunting license.] 12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 13

14 June 1, 2007.