

CHAPTER 71

(House Bill 334)

AN ACT concerning

~~Complimentary Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License Lifetime~~
Complimentary Fishing Licenses – POWs and Disabled Veterans

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a lifetime complimentary Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license to certain veterans; providing that there is no fee for the complimentary Chesapeake Bay license; establishing that the complimentary Chesapeake Bay license is not transferable; providing for certain procedures for the issuance of the complimentary Chesapeake Bay license; altering the duration of a complimentary nontidal fishing license for certain veterans; and generally relating to the lifetime complimentary ~~Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license~~ fishing licenses for veterans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section ~~4–607~~ and 4–745(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

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

Article – Natural Resources

4–607.

(a) **(1)** The Department may issue annually a complimentary angler's license to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, [any Maryland resident who certifies that he or she is a former prisoner of war or 100 percent service

connected disabled American veteran,] and any official of the game and fish department of any other state.

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

(B) [However, not] NOT more than 20 complimentary licenses for each state other than Maryland shall be outstanding at any time.

(C) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued without a fee on forms the Department designates.

[(b)] (D) For the purposes of this section, "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.

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:

	(i)	Resident.....	\$9
issue	(ii)	Short-term license valid for 5 consecutive days from date of	\$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.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.