

# SENATE BILL 847

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By: **Senators Kittleman, Astle, Brinkley, Colburn, Harris, and Jacobs**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting Licenses – Exemption for Disabled Armed Forces Members**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exemption from the requirement to obtain a hunting  
4 license under certain circumstances for a person who serves in the armed forces  
5 and has a service-connected disability; providing that the exemption applies  
6 only to hunting on private property; requiring a person who hunts under the  
7 exemption to possess certain identification; and generally relating to  
8 exemptions from the requirement to obtain a hunting license.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Natural Resources  
11 Section 10–301(b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Natural Resources  
16 Section 10–301(c)(1)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Natural Resources**

22 10–301.

23 (b) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife,  
24 and preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or  
25 attempt to hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 mammals in the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident  
2 hunter's license. A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and  
3 mammals in Baltimore County or Frederick County without first obtaining a license.  
4 A permanent resident of a government reservation may obtain a resident hunter's  
5 license.

6 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
7 following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license, bow and arrow stamp,  
8 black powder stamp, or bonus antlered deer stamp:

9 (i) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

10 1. The resident owner of the farmland and the owner's  
11 spouse, child, and child's spouse;

12 2. A tenant and the tenant's spouse, child, and child's  
13 spouse. A tenant is a person holding land under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides  
14 in a dwelling on the land, but a tenant does not include any employee of the owner or  
15 tenant; and

16 3. A nonresident owner of a parcel of farmland and the  
17 owner's spouse, child, and child's spouse if:

18 A. The parcel of farmland is located in Maryland and an  
19 adjacent state;

20 B. The owner's primary residence is on the parcel of  
21 farmland; and

22 C. The adjacent state extends similar privileges to a  
23 resident of Maryland;

24 (ii) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United  
25 States while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting,  
26 the resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order; [and]

27 (iii) **WITH RESPECT TO HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY,**  
28 **ANY PERSON SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS**  
29 **A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, IF, WHILE HUNTING, THE PERSON**  
30 **POSSESSES VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION; AND**

31 (IV) Any unarmed person participating in an organized foxhunt.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 July 1, 2010.