

Chapter 543

(Senate Bill 763)

AN ACT concerning

Hunting Licenses – Exemption for Disabled Armed Forces Members

FOR the purpose of expanding a certain exemption from the requirement to obtain a hunting license for a person who serves in the armed forces and has a service-connected disability; and generally relating to exemptions from the requirement to obtain a hunting license.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–301(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–301(c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–301.

(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.

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

(i) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

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

2. A tenant and the tenant's spouse, child, and 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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) [With respect to hunting on private property, any] **ANY** person serving in the armed forces of the United States who has a service-connected disability, if, while hunting, the person possesses valid military identification; and

(iv) Any unarmed person participating in an organized foxhunt.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.