

# HOUSE BILL 1074

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Complimentary Hunting License for Former Prisoners of War or Disabled**  
3 **Veterans – Reciprocity**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a lifetime  
5 complimentary hunter's license to an out-of-state person who certifies that the  
6 person is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American  
7 veteran if the person's state of residence extends similar privileges to former  
8 prisoners of war or 100% service connected disabled American veterans of this State;  
9 and generally relating to reciprocity for complimentary hunting licenses for former  
10 prisoners or war or disabled veterans.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Natural Resources  
13 Section 10–303  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 10-303.

2 (a) (1) The Department annually may issue a complimentary hunter's license  
3 to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, or an official or an  
4 enforcement officer of the game and fish management agency of another state which  
5 reciprocally offers complimentary hunting licenses.

6 (2) (I) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunter's  
7 license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or  
8 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

9 (II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIFETIME  
10 COMPLIMENTARY HUNTER'S LICENSE TO AN OUT-OF-STATE PERSON WHO  
11 CERTIFIES THAT THE PERSON IS A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR OR A 100% SERVICE  
12 CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN IF THE PERSON'S STATE OF RESIDENCE  
13 EXTENDS SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR OR 100% SERVICE  
14 CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF THIS STATE.

15 (3) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued on  
16 forms designated by the Department.

17 (b) For the purposes of this section, "former prisoner of war" means a person who,  
18 while serving in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States, was forcibly  
19 detained or interned in the line of duty by an enemy government or its agents, or a hostile  
20 force, during a period of armed conflict.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.