

# HOUSE BILL 1249

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting and Fishing – Complimentary Licenses – ~~Wounded Military and~~**  
3 **~~Veterans~~ Purple Heart Recipients**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a  
5 complimentary angler's license, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license, or  
6 hunting license and any associated State-issued stamps or permits to a person who  
7 is a ~~member of the armed services or a veteran and has a service-connected disability~~  
8 recipient of the Purple Heart award; making certain stylistic changes; and generally  
9 relating to complimentary hunting and fishing licenses.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 4-607, 4-745(e), and 10-303  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Natural Resources  
17 Section 4-745(a)(1)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

20 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~  
21 ~~Article – State Government~~  
22 ~~Section 9-901(a) and (d)~~

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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.



~~Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 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, 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.

**(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY ANGLER’S LICENSE AND TROUT STAMP TO A PERSON WHO ~~HAS A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY AND IS:~~**

~~(I) SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;~~  
~~OR~~

~~(II) A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE IS A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD.~~

(b) Not more than 20 complimentary ANGLER’S licenses for each state other than Maryland shall be outstanding at any time.

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

(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 or in State waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays and their tributaries without first obtaining a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing

1 license or registration issued under subsection (d)(3) of this section and possessing evidence  
2 of the license or registration.

3 (e) (1) In this subsection, "former prisoner of war" means a person who, while  
4 serving in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States, was forcibly  
5 detained or interned in the line of duty by an enemy government or its agents, or a hostile  
6 force, during a period of armed conflict.

7 (2) (I) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary  
8 Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license to any Maryland resident who certifies  
9 that the resident is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American  
10 veteran.

11 (II) **THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY**  
12 **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO A PERSON WHO ~~HAS A~~**  
13 **~~SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY AND IS:~~**

14 ~~1. SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED~~  
15 ~~STATES; OR~~

16 ~~2. A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE~~  
17 ~~STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE IS A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD.~~

18 (3) A complimentary **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING**  
19 license is not transferable and shall be issued on forms the Department designates.

20 10-303.

21 (a) (1) The Department annually may issue a complimentary [hunter's]  
22 **HUNTING** license to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, or an  
23 official or an enforcement officer of the game and fish management agency of another state  
24 which reciprocally offers complimentary hunting licenses.

25 (2) (i) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary [hunter's]  
26 **HUNTING** license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner  
27 of war or 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

28 (ii) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary [hunter's]  
29 **HUNTING** license to an out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former  
30 prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran if the person's state  
31 of residence extends similar privileges to former prisoners of war or 100% service connected  
32 disabled American veterans of this State.

1 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING  
2 LICENSE AND ANY ASSOCIATED STATE-ISSUED STAMP OR PERMIT TO A PERSON WHO  
3 ~~HAS A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY AND IS:~~

4 (I) ~~SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;~~  
5 ~~OR~~

6 (H) ~~A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE STATE~~  
7 ~~GOVERNMENT ARTICLE IS A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD.~~

8 [(3)] (4) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued  
9 on forms designated by the Department.

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

14 ~~Article - State Government~~

15 ~~9-901.~~

16 (a) ~~In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

17 (d) ~~Except as otherwise provided in §§ 9-906 and 9-907 of this subtitle, "veteran"~~  
18 ~~means an individual who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States,~~  
19 ~~other than for training, and was discharged or released under conditions other than~~  
20 ~~dishonorable.~~

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
22 1, 2016.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.