

HOUSE BILL 1374

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting and Fishing – Complimentary Licenses – Military and Veterans**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a
4 complimentary angler's license, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license, or
5 hunting license to a Maryland resident who is a member of the armed services or a
6 veteran; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to complimentary
7 hunting and fishing licenses.

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

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

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article – State Government
20 Section 9–901(a) and (d)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Natural Resources

1
2 4–607.

3 (a) (1) The Department may issue annually a complimentary angler’s license
4 to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, and any official of the game
5 and fish department of any other state.

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

9 (3) **THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY ANGLER’S**
10 **LICENSE TO A MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO IS:**

11 (I) **SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;**
12 **OR**

13 (II) **A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER § 9–901 OF THE STATE**
14 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

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

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

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

23 4–745.

24 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section and § 4–217
25 of this title, a person may not fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or in its tributaries up
26 to tidal boundaries or in State waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays
27 and their tributaries without first obtaining a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing
28 license or registration issued under subsection (d)(3) of this section and possessing evidence
29 of the license or registration.

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

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

5 (II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY
6 CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO A MARYLAND
7 RESIDENT WHO IS:

8 1. SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
9 STATES; OR

10 2. A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE
11 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

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

14 10-303.

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

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

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

27 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING
28 LICENSE TO A MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO IS:

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

31 (II) A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE STATE
32 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

