

HOUSE BILL 68

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By: **Delegate Carey**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting and Fishing – Complimentary Licenses – Purple Heart Recipients**

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 and any associated State-issued stamps or permits to a State
6 resident who is a recipient of the Purple Heart award; making certain stylistic
7 changes; and generally relating to complimentary hunting and fishing licenses for
8 recipients of the Purple Heart award.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 4-607, 4-745(e), and 10-303
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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15 Article – Natural Resources
16 Section 4-745(a)(1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Natural Resources**

22 4-607.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

7 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY ANGLER'S**
8 **LICENSE AND TROUT STAMP TO A MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE**
9 **PURPLE HEART AWARD.**

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

12 (c) A complimentary ANGLER'S license is not transferable and shall be issued
13 without a fee.

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

18 4-745.

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

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

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

33 **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY**
34 **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO A MARYLAND**
35 **RESIDENT WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD.**

1 (3) A complimentary **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING**
2 license is not transferable.

3 (4) The Department may issue annually a complimentary Chesapeake Bay
4 and coastal sport fishing license to the President of the United States, the governor of any
5 state, and any official of the game and fish department of any other state.

6 (5) Not more than 20 complimentary licenses for each state other than
7 Maryland shall be outstanding at any time.

8 10–303.

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

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

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

21 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING**
22 **LICENSE AND ANY ASSOCIATED STATE–ISSUED STAMP OR PERMIT TO A MARYLAND**
23 **RESIDENT WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD.**

24 **[(3)] (4)** A complimentary license is not transferable.

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

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
30 1, 2017.