

SB0095/404132/1

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 95

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Senator Simonaire” and substitute “Senators Simonaire and Bailey”; in line 2, after the first “Program” insert “and Fund”; strike beginning with the second “Program” in line 2 down through “Licensing” in line 3 and substitute “Revisions”; in line 4, after the first “of” insert “changing the name of the Recreational License Donation Fund to the Healing Heroes Hunting and Fishing Fund”; in line 6, strike “Recreational License Donation”; in line 7, after “Fund;” insert “authorizing the Fund to be used for grants to certain eligible sponsor organizations that provide recreational hunting or fishing opportunities for Gold Star recipients or certain disabled persons; authorizing the Department to make grants to eligible sponsor organizations; specifying the purposes for which a grant awarded to an eligible sponsor organization may be used”; in line 8, after “Act;” insert “defining a certain term; making conforming changes”; in line 11, strike “making a stylistic change;”; in line 12, after “program” insert “and the Healing Heroes Hunting and Fishing Fund”; and in line 15, strike “1-405(h)” and substitute “1-405”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 20 and 24, in each instance, strike “**RECREATIONAL LICENSE DONATION**” and substitute “**HEALING HEROES HUNTING AND FISHING**”.

On page 4, after line 14, insert:

“(a) **(1)** In this section[,] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “ELIGIBLE SPONSOR ORGANIZATION” MEANS A NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES RECREATIONAL HUNTING OR

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FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOLD STAR RECIPIENTS, DISABLED VETERANS, DISABLED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED PERSONS WHO REQUIRE THE USE OF A WHEELCHAIR.

(3) “Gold Star recipient” means a recipient of the U.S. Department of Defense Gold Star for surviving spouses, parents, and next of kin of members of the armed forces of the United States who lost their lives in combat.

(b) A person may purchase and donate an angler’s license, a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license, or a hunting license and any corresponding stamps for issuance in accordance with this section.

(c) **(1)** The Department may issue a donated license or stamp only for use by a Gold Star recipient, a disabled veteran, a disabled member of the armed forces of the United States, or a permanently disabled person who requires the use of a wheelchair.

(2) A recipient of a donated license or stamp shall be sponsored by [a nonprofit charitable organization that provides recreational hunting or fishing opportunities for Gold Star recipients, disabled veterans, disabled members of the armed forces of the United States, or permanently disabled persons who require the use of a wheelchair] AN ELIGIBLE SPONSOR ORGANIZATION.

(3) A recipient of a donated hunting license is subject to the hunting safety requirements under § 10–301.1 of this article.

(d) Only one eligible person may hunt under the authority of a donated license or stamp during one recreational license year.

(e) The Department:

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(1) May not charge a fee for the issuance of a donated license or stamp;
and

(2) May issue a donated license or stamp to an eligible resident or
nonresident of the State.

(f) On or before October 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the Department
shall post on its website the names of the persons who donated recreational licenses or
stamps in the previous recreational license years, unless a person who donates a license
or stamp requests anonymity.

(g) **(1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE FUNDS DONATED UNDER THIS
SECTION TO MAKE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE SPONSOR ORGANIZATIONS.**

**(2) A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE USED
ONLY TO PAY CAPITAL, OPERATIONAL, OR PROGRAMMING COSTS INCURRED BY
AN ELIGIBLE SPONSOR ORGANIZATION IN PROVIDING RECREATIONAL HUNTING
AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOLD STAR RECIPIENTS, DISABLED
VETERANS, DISABLED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES, OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED PERSONS WHO REQUIRE THE USE OF A
WHEELCHAIR.**

**(H) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this section,
including regulations establishing eligibility requirements for [donors]:**

**(1) DONORS, sponsors, and recipients of donated recreational licenses
and stamps; AND**

**(2) APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE SPONSOR
ORGANIZATIONS.”;**

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in line 15, strike “(h)” and substitute “**(I)**”; and in lines 15 and 17, in each instance, strike “Recreational License Donation” and substitute “**HEALING HEROES HUNTING AND FISHING**”.

On page 5, in line 4, strike “donated” and substitute “:

(I) DONATED”;

in line 7, after “wheelchair” insert “;**AND**

(II) GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE SPONSOR ORGANIZATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION”;

in line 15, after “stamps” insert “**AND GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE SPONSOR ORGANIZATIONS**”; and in line 16, strike “recreational licenses or stamps for use by” and substitute “**PROVIDING RECREATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR**”.