

HOUSE BILL 545

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By: **Delegate Hornberger**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Licenses, ~~Permits, Registrations, and Certificates~~ Digital**
3 **~~or Electronic Format~~ and Stamps – Revisions**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to make available and,
5 on request, issue certain licenses, ~~permits, registrations, and certificates~~ and stamps
6 in a digital or electronic format; establishing that an individual may satisfy certain
7 requirements to possess or display a license, ~~permit, registration, or certificate~~ or
8 stamp by possessing or displaying the document in a certain digital or electronic
9 format; ~~requiring the Department to design certain digital or electronic documents~~
10 ~~in a certain manner~~ prohibiting certain applicants from willfully making a certain
11 false statement or representation; repealing certain provisions of law requiring
12 certain licensees to sign a license in a certain manner at a certain time; making a
13 stylistic change; and generally relating to licenses, ~~permits, registrations, and~~
14 certificates and stamps issued by the Department of Natural Resources.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Natural Resources
17 Section 1–403(a), (b), (c), and (g)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Natural Resources
22 Section 1–403.1
23 Annotated Code of Maryland

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.



(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–604(e) and (h) and 4–745(a)(6)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–301(j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

1–403.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the Department may develop and implement an electronic system for the sale and issuance of licenses, permits, and registrations and the recording and releasing of security interests.

(b) The electronic system may include provisions for:

(1) Recording titling and registration data;

(2) Recording and releasing liens without the issuance of a security interest filing; and

(3) Recording information relating to an application for a license, permit, or registration.

(c) The Department shall develop the electronic system consistent with the statewide information technology master plan developed under Title 3A, Subtitle 3 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(g) The Department may adopt regulations to:

(1) Implement the electronic system authorized under this section; and

(2) Determine the appropriate fee levels that may be charged by a vendor and by the Department for the electronic transmission service.

1–403.1.

1 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE AND, ON REQUEST, ISSUE
 2 ANY ~~LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATE~~ LICENSE OR STAMP
 3 AUTHORIZED UNDER §§ 4-604, 4-614, 4-745, OR 10-301(G) OF THIS ARTICLE IN A
 4 DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC FORMAT.

5 (B) ~~(1)~~ AN INDIVIDUAL MAY SATISFY ANY REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS
 6 ARTICLE TO POSSESS OR DISPLAY A ~~LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR~~
 7 ~~CERTIFICATE~~ LICENSE OR STAMP ISSUED UNDER §§ 4-604, 4-614, 4-745, OR
 8 10-301(G) OF THIS ARTICLE BY POSSESSING OR DISPLAYING THE DOCUMENT IN A
 9 DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC FORMAT AS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

10 ~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN THE DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC~~
 11 ~~DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS THE~~
 12 ~~DOCUMENT HOLDER TO MAINTAIN PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE DEVICE ON WHICH~~
 13 ~~THE DOCUMENT IS ACCESSED DURING VERIFICATION.~~

14 4-604.

15 (e) (1) An applicant for a license issued under this section [shall]:

16 (I) SHALL provide all the information requested by the
 17 Department; AND

18 (II) MAY NOT WILLFULLY MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT OR
 19 REPRESENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE APPLICATION.

20 (2) The Department shall require an applicant for a license under this
 21 section to provide the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number, if the
 22 applicant has a Social Security number.

23 (h) (1) Every angler's license shall be valid for 1 year following the date of
 24 issuance.

25 (2) [The licensee shall electronically or physically sign the license at the
 26 time of purchase.

27 (3) The license may not be transferred to another person, nor used or
 28 presented by any person other than the person to whom it was issued.

29 4-745.

30 (a) (6) An applicant for a license issued under this section [shall]:

1 (I) SHALL provide all the information requested by the
2 Department; AND

3 (II) MAY NOT WILLFULLY MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT OR
4 REPRESENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE APPLICATION.

5 10-301.

6 (j) [The licensee shall electronically or physically sign the hunting license at the
7 time the licensee obtains the hunting license. It] A HUNTING LICENSE may not be
8 transferred to any other person.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.