

SENATE BILL 665

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By: **Senators Corderman, Bailey, Carozza, Edwards, Elfreth, Guzzone, Hershey, Hester, Lee, Ready, Salling, and West**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund – No-Cost Licenses and**
3 **Stamps**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an eligible sponsor organization providing recreational
5 opportunities with grant funding from the Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund to
6 provide at no cost an angler's license and trout stamps, a Chesapeake Bay and
7 coastal sport fishing license, or a hunting license and any corresponding stamps to
8 certain persons; and generally relating to the Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 1–405(a), (b), and (d)(3)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Natural Resources
16 Section 1–405(d)(1) and (2) and 4–607
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 1–405.

23 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) "Eligible sponsor organization" means a nonprofit charitable organization that provides any of the following opportunities for Gold Star recipients, disabled veterans or other veterans who could benefit from one of the opportunities provided, disabled members of the armed forces of the United States or other members of the armed forces of the United States who could benefit from one of the opportunities provided, or permanently disabled persons who require the use of a wheelchair:

1. AN ANGLER'S LICENSE AND TROUT STAMPS;

3. A HUNTING LICENSE AND ANY CORRESPONDING
3.3 STAMPS;

4 (ii) Recreational water activities;

5 (iii) Other recreational outdoor activities;

6 (iv) Therapeutic outdoor activities; or

(v) Workforce training for green jobs, including outdoor agricultural jobs.

(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.

22 (b) (1) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Chesapeake
23 Bay Trust may use the Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund established under subsection
24 (d) of 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 any of the following opportunities:

33 (i) Recreational hunting or fishing, **INCLUDING PROVIDING AT NO**

1 COST:

- 2 1. **AN ANGLER'S LICENSE AND TROUT STAMPS;**
- 3 2. **A CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING**
- 4 **LICENSE; OR**
- 5 3. **A HUNTING LICENSE AND ANY CORRESPONDING**
- 6 **STAMPS;**

- 7 (ii) Recreational water activities;
- 8 (iii) Other recreational outdoor activities;
- 9 (iv) Therapeutic outdoor activities; or
- 10 (v) Workforce training for green jobs, including outdoor agricultural
- 11 jobs.

12 (d) (1) In this subsection, "Fund" means the Healing Hunting and Fishing
13 Fund.

14 (2) There is a Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund.

15 (3) The purpose of the Fund is to provide any of the following opportunities
16 for Gold Star recipients, disabled veterans or other veterans who could benefit from one of
17 the opportunities, disabled members of the armed forces of the United States or other
18 members of the armed forces of the United States who could benefit from one of the
19 opportunities, and permanently disabled persons who require the use of a wheelchair:

- 20 (i) Recreational hunting or fishing, **INCLUDING PROVIDING AT NO**

21 **COST:**

- 22 1. **AN ANGLER'S LICENSE AND TROUT STAMPS;**
- 23 2. **A CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING**
- 24 **LICENSE; OR**
- 25 3. **A HUNTING LICENSE AND ANY CORRESPONDING**
- 26 **STAMPS;**
- 27 (ii) Recreational water activities;
- 28 (iii) Other recreational outdoor activities;
- 29 (iv) Therapeutic outdoor activities; or

1 (v) Workforce training for green jobs, including outdoor agricultural
2 jobs.

3 4-607.

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.

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 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2022.