

HB0494/883023/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 494
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Allen**” and substitute “**Delegates Allen, Guyton, Holmes, Lehman, and R. Lewis**”; in line 23, after “4–217(b)(1),” insert “4–604(c)(2), 4–607.”; in the same line, strike the third “and”; and in line 24, after “(e)(1)” insert “, 10–301(c)(1)(ii) and (iii), and 10–303”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 6, insert:

“(A) “VETERAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(B)”;

in line 8, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with the bracket in line 12 down through “**ARTICLE**” in line 13.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, after line 2, insert:

“4–604.

(c) An angler’s license is not required of the following:

(2) Any resident [serving in the armed forces of the United States] WHO IS AN ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER, while on leave in the State, during the resident’s leave period, if, while angling, the resident possesses a copy of the resident’s official leave order;

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4-607.

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

(2) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary angler's license to any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is:

(i) A former prisoner of war;

(ii) An American veteran who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines is unemployable; or

(iii) A 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

(3) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary angler's license to an out-of-state person:

(i) Who certifies that the person is:

1. A former prisoner of war;

2. An American veteran who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines is unemployable; or

3. A 100% service connected disabled American veteran;

and

(ii) Whose state of residence extends similar privileges to former prisoners of war, American veterans who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines are unemployable, or 100% service connected disabled American veterans of this State.

(b) Not more than 20 complimentary angler's licenses for each state other than Maryland shall be outstanding at any time.

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(c) A complimentary angler's license is not transferable and shall be issued without a fee.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 8, in line 13, after "OF" insert "A"; in the same line, after "IDENTIFICATION" insert "CARD"; in lines 14, 15, and 17, in each instance, after "MEMBER" insert "OR ANY MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD"; in line 20, after "MEMBER" insert ", ANY MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD,"; and in the same line, after "OR" insert "ANY".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 9, after line 6, insert:

"10-301.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license, bow and arrow stamp, black powder stamp, bonus antlered deer stamp, or sika deer stamp:

(ii) Any resident [serving in the armed forces of the United States] **WHO IS AN ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER** while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting, the resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order;

(iii) Any person [serving in the armed forces of the United States] **who IS AN ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER AND** has a service-connected disability, if, while hunting, the person possesses valid military identification; and

10-303.

(Over)

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(a) (1) The Department annually may issue a complimentary hunting license to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, or an official or an enforcement officer of the game and fish management agency of another state which reciprocally offers complimentary hunting licenses.

(2) (i) Subject to the requirements of § 10–301.1 of this subtitle, the Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunting license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is:

1. A former prisoner of war;
2. An American veteran who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines is unemployable; or
3. A 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

(ii) Subject to the requirements of § 10–301.1 of this subtitle, the Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunting license to an out-of-state person:

1. Who certifies that the person is:
 - A. A former prisoner of war;
 - B. An American veteran who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines is unemployable; or

C. A 100% service connected disabled American veteran;
and

2. Whose state of residence extends similar privileges to former prisoners of war, American veterans who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines are unemployable, or 100% service connected disabled American veterans of this State.

(3) A complimentary license is not transferable.

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