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House Bill 854 (Delegate Hornberger)
Environment and Transportation

Hunter Safety Education - Issuance of Identification Number

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue a permanent identification number to each person that completes a course of instruction in conservation and in competency and safety in the handling of firearms. The bill also requires that DNR print the permanent identification number on (1) the certificate of competency and safety each person receives upon completion of the course or (2) a separate form provided with the certificate.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not expected to materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: With certain exceptions, a person must have a Maryland resident or nonresident hunting license to hunt or attempt to hunt all legal game birds and mammals during the appropriate season in the State. In general, a person must obtain a certificate of competency in firearms and hunter safety before obtaining a hunting license by successfully completing a course of instruction in conservation and in competency and safety in the handling of firearms.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 128 (Senator Bailey) - Education, Energy, and the Environment.

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