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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 284
(Third Reading File Bill – Committee Reprint)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 24, after “Account;” insert “altering the fee for a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license; exempting the holder of a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license from the requirement to obtain a trout stamp under certain circumstances;”.

On page 5, in line 3, after “Section” insert “4-216, 4-614(a)(3), and”; and after line 5, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Natural Resources
Section 4-604(b) and (c)(4) and 4-614(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 63, after line 12, insert:

“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

4-216.

(a) The Department shall establish a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license, to be issued to residents of Maryland beginning in the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65.

(b) (1) The resident consolidated senior sport fishing license may be obtained from the Department or from any authorized agent of the Department.

(2) The annual fee for the license is [~~\$12~~] \$5.

(3) As compensation, an agent shall retain 50 cents for each license issued.

(c) A resident consolidated senior sport fishing license shall be valid for 1 year following the date of issuance.

(d) A holder of a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license may:

(1) Engage in angling on the nontidal waters of the State without holding an angler's license under § 4-604 of this title; [and]

(2) ENGAGE IN ANGLING FOR TROUT ON THE NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE WITHOUT HOLDING A TROUT STAMP UNDER § 4-614 OF THIS TITLE; AND

[~~(2)~~] (3) Fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries or in the State waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays and their tributaries without holding a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license under § 4-745 of this title.

4-604.

(b) Any person 16 years old or older shall secure an angler's license to fish in the nontidal waters of the State. An angler's license entitles the holder to fish in the nontidal waters of the State only during the open season.

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

(4) A person holding a current resident consolidated senior sport fishing license issued under § 4-216 of this title;

4-614.

(a) (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a person may not fish or possess trout in an area established in paragraph (1) of this subsection unless the person first obtains a trout stamp in addition to an angler's license.

(3) A trout stamp is not required of the following:

(I) A HOLDER OF A CURRENT RESIDENT CONSOLIDATED SENIOR SPORT FISHING LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 4-216 OF THIS TITLE;

[(i)] (II) A holder of a lifetime complimentary angler's license issued under § 4-607(a)(2) or (3) of this subtitle;

[(ii)] (III) A person authorized by a disability exemption issued under § 4-217 of this title;

[(iii)] (IV) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States 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; or

[(iv)] (V) A person under 16 years of age.”;

and in lines 13, 18, and 25, strike “5.”, “6.”, and “7.”, respectively, and substitute “6.”, “7.”, and “8.”, respectively.

On page 64, in lines 9 and 24, strike “8.” and “9.”, respectively, and substitute “9.” and “10.”, respectively.

On page 65, in lines 1, 12, 22, 26, 31, 33, and 35, strike “10.”, “11.”, “12.”, “13.”, “14.”, “15.”, and “16.”, respectively, and substitute “11.”, “12.”, “13.”, “14.”, “15.”, “16.”, and “17.”, respectively.

On page 66, after line 4, insert:

“SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 5 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2027.”;

in line 5, strike “17.” and substitute “19.”; and in line 6, strike “15 and 16” and substitute “16 through 18”.