

Maryland Legislative Sportsman's Caucus Support Letter for House Bill 236

Hunting and Fishing License – Active Military, Former Prisoners of War, Recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and Disabled Veterans

House Environment and Transportation Committee, February 12, 2020

Honorable Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein and members of the Committee:

As leaders of the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, we would like to express our support for HB 236, which is a bill that will remove a sunset from a successful program that provides a benefit to individuals that have given so much to our country.

The Department of Natural Resources has confirmed that they welcome the opportunity to continue providing complimentary or discounted fishing and hunting licenses to military personnel, former prisoners of war, Purple Heart recipients and disabled veterans.

As sportsmen and sportswomen, we appreciate the desire to enjoy recreational hunting and fishing and believe that reducing the financial aspect of the sporting activities will enable these individuals to participate more often in the sport of their choice. Enjoyment in recreation is a benefit these individuals have definitely earned.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of House Bill 236.

Respectfully,

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