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SB 588 – Repeal the commemorative lifetime hunting license

I am Senator Bryan Simonaire presenting SB 588.

I have worked with the *Department of Natural Resources* on this consensus legislation.

As amended, the bill does 3 main things:

1. This bill primarily standardizes our numerous complimentary licensing sections in the *Natural Resources* article, so we have a consistent and equitable policy, and clarifies certain items that are silent in other sections,
2. It updates DNR's existing hunting reporting to provide statistics for complimentary and lifetime hunting licenses granted in the previous year, and
3. It repeals an obsolete commemorative lifetime hunting license program that hasn't been active for 15 years, and according to DNR, it has no intention of reviving.

So, to provide a little more detail:

1. There are three main complimentary licenses: Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Oystering. Each have little differences, such as, one says '*shall issue*'; the other says, '*may issue*'. The Department wants it to consistently say '*may issue*' as there may be situations where they are not allowed to give complimentary licenses. Another example is the number of outstanding complimentary licenses allowed from other states.

2. The second item provides reporting insight into how many complimentary and lifetime licenses are being issued, and
3. The final part of this bill simply repeals an old complimentary lifetime license program that was only active for one year and has been obsolete since 2011 with no plans to re-establish it.

For all these reasons, I ask for your favorable consideration.

Complimentary License	Section	May Issue	Reciprocal	20 Limit	No Fee	Blind	Lifetime	Terms
Angler	4-607	✓	Revise	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chesapeake Sport Fishing	4-475	✓	Revise	✓	Add	✓	✓	✓
Oyster	4-1004.1	Revise	N/A*	N/A*	Add	Clarify	Clarify	Revise
Hunting	10-303	✓	✓	Add	Add	UDP	✓	✓

✓ - Means Exist Currently

Revise: Revises existing provision to standardize with other sections.

Add: Adds new provision to standardize with other sections.

Clarify: Clarifies existing provision to standardize with other sections.

UDP: Existing *Universal Disability Pass* may apply to Blind.

Notes: * - DNR has long standing policy not granting out-of-state oyster licensing.