

Chapter 295

(House Bill 1074)

AN ACT concerning

Complimentary Hunting License for Former Prisoners of War or Disabled Veterans – Reciprocity

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a lifetime complimentary hunter's license to an out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran if the person's state of residence extends similar privileges to former prisoners of war or 100% service connected disabled American veterans of this State; and generally relating to reciprocity for complimentary hunting licenses for former prisoners of war or disabled veterans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

10–303.

(a) (1) The Department annually may issue a complimentary hunter's 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) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunter's license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIFETIME COMPLIMENTARY HUNTER'S LICENSE TO AN OUT-OF-STATE PERSON WHO CERTIFIES THAT THE PERSON IS A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR OR A 100% SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN IF THE PERSON'S STATE OF RESIDENCE EXTENDS SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR OR 100% SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF THIS STATE.

(3) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued on forms designated by the Department.

(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, 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.