

SENATE BILL 847

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters* —

Introduced by **Senators Kittleman, Astle, Brinkley, Colburn, Harris, and Jacobs**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting Licenses – Exemption for Disabled Armed Forces Members**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exemption from the requirement to obtain a hunting
4 license under certain circumstances ~~under certain circumstances~~ for a person
5 who serves in the armed forces and has a service-connected disability;
6 providing that the exemption applies only to hunting on private property;
7 ~~providing that the exemption applies only to hunting on private property;~~
8 requiring a person who hunts under the exemption to possess certain
9 identification; and generally relating to exemptions from the requirement to
10 obtain a hunting license.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – Natural Resources

13 Section 10–301(b)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
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7 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

10 **Article – Natural Resources**

11 10–301.

12 (b) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife,
13 and preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or
14 attempt to hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and
15 mammals in the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident
16 hunter’s license. A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and
17 mammals in Baltimore County or Frederick County without first obtaining a license.
18 A permanent resident of a government reservation may obtain a resident hunter’s
19 license.

20 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
21 following persons are not required to obtain a hunter’s license, bow and arrow stamp,
22 black powder stamp, or bonus antlered deer stamp:

23 (i) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

24 1. The resident owner of the farmland and the owner’s
25 spouse, child, and child’s spouse;

26 2. A tenant and the tenant’s spouse, child, and child’s
27 spouse. A tenant is a person holding land under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides
28 in a dwelling on the land, but a tenant does not include any employee of the owner or
29 tenant; and

30 3. A nonresident owner of a parcel of farmland and the
31 owner’s spouse, child, and child’s spouse if:

32 A. The parcel of farmland is located in Maryland and an
33 adjacent state;

34 B. The owner’s primary residence is on the parcel of
35 farmland; and

1 C. The adjacent state extends similar privileges to a
2 resident of Maryland;

3 (ii) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United
4 States while on leave in the State, during the resident’s leave period, if, while hunting,
5 the resident possesses a copy of the resident’s official leave order; [and]

6 (iii) ~~WITH RESPECT TO HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY,~~
7 ~~ANY ANY~~ WITH RESPECT TO HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, ANY PERSON
8 SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS A
9 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, IF, WHILE HUNTING, THE PERSON
10 POSSESSES VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION; AND

11 (IV) Any unarmed person participating in an organized foxhunt.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.