

# HOUSE BILL 673

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting and Fishing – Veterans – Complimentary Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the pool of veterans eligible for a lifetime  
4 complimentary hunting or fishing license; defining a certain term; and generally  
5 relating to eligibility for a complimentary hunting or fishing license.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Natural Resources  
8 Section 1–106, 4–607, and 4–745(e)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Natural Resources  
13 Section 10–303  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 1–106.

20 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) "Informational meeting" means a meeting, open to the public, at which  
2 the applicant or the Department of Natural Resources presents information  
3 concerning a permit or certificate application. An informational meeting is not a  
4 contested case hearing nor an agency hearing under § 10-202(d) of the State  
5 Government Article.

6 (c) "Public hearing" means a meeting, open to the public, at which the  
7 Department of Natural Resources receives oral and written comments concerning a  
8 decision to issue or deny a permit or certificate. A public hearing is not a contested  
9 case hearing nor an agency hearing under § 10-202(d) of the State Government  
10 Article.

11 **(D) "VETERAN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE**  
12 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

13 4-607.

14 (a) (1) The Department may issue annually a complimentary angler's  
15 license to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, and any official  
16 of the game and fish department of any other state.

17 (2) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary angler's  
18 license to any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of  
19 war or [100% service connected disabled American] A veteran.

20 (b) Not more than 20 complimentary licenses for each state other than  
21 Maryland shall be outstanding at any time.

22 (c) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued without a  
23 fee on forms the Department designates.

24 (d) For the purposes of this section, "former prisoner of war" means a person  
25 who, while serving in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States,  
26 was forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by an enemy government or its  
27 agents, or a hostile force, during a period of armed conflict.

28 4-745.

29 (e) (1) In this subsection, "former prisoner of war" means a person who,  
30 while serving in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States, was  
31 forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by an enemy government or its agents,  
32 or a hostile force, during a period of armed conflict.

33 (2) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary Chesapeake  
34 Bay sport fishing license to any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a  
35 former prisoner of war or a [100% service connected disabled American] veteran.

1           (3) A complimentary license is not transferable and shall be issued on  
2 forms the Department designates.

3 10-303.

4           (a) (1) The Department annually may issue a complimentary hunter's  
5 license to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, or an official or  
6 an enforcement officer of the game and fish management agency of another state  
7 which reciprocally offers complimentary hunting licenses.

8           (2) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary hunter's  
9 license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of  
10 war or [100% service connected disabled American] A veteran.

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

13           (b) For the purposes of this section, "former prisoner of war" means a person  
14 who, while serving in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States,  
15 was forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by an enemy government or its  
16 agents, or a hostile force, during a period of armed conflict.

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2010.