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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 225
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Licenses –” insert “Disabled Active Military.”; in line 4, after the first “of” insert “exempting a certain person serving in the armed forces of the United States from the requirement to obtain certain licenses to fish in certain waters of the State under certain circumstances;”; in line 13, after “to” insert “Maryland residents who are”; in line 14, after “Act;” insert “making stylistic changes;”; in line 18, after “Section” insert “4-604(c).”; and in the same line, strike “4-745(e)” and substitute “4-745(c) and (e)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 23, insert:

“4-604.

(c) An angler’s license is not required of the following:

(1) The owner or tenant of land bordering on nontidal water, his spouse and children, or the spouse of any child who resides on the land with the owner or tenant when he fishes in nontidal water adjoining his land;

(2) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States, while on leave in the State, during [his] **THE RESIDENT’S** leave period, if, while angling, [he] **THE RESIDENT** possesses a copy of [his] **THE RESIDENT’S** official leave [orders] **ORDER;**

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(3) ANY PERSON SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, IF, WHILE ANGLING, THE PERSON POSSESSES VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION;

[(3)] (4) A person who fishes in nontidal waters of the State on free fishing days designated by the Secretary;

[(4)] (5) A person holding a current resident consolidated senior sport fishing license issued under § 4-216 of this title;

[(5)] (6) A person fishing in a free fishing area established under § 4-214(b)(2) of this title; or

[(6)] (7) A person authorized by a disability exemption issued under § 4-217 of this title.”

On page 2, in line 30, strike “A” and substitute “**ANY**”; in line 31, strike “if” and substitute “**IN THE STATE, DURING THE RESIDENT’S LEAVE PERIOD, IF, WHILE ANGLING,**”; in the same line, strike “while fishing”; in line 32, strike “or”; and in line 33, after “(v)” insert “**ANY PERSON SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, IF, WHILE ANGLING, THE PERSON POSSESSES VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION; OR**

(VI)”.

On page 3, after line 1, insert:

“(c) A person may fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or its tidal tributaries or in State waters of the Atlantic Ocean and coastal bays and their tributaries without a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license if the person:

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(1) Is under the age of 16;

(2) Possesses a valid commercial license;

(3) Holds a valid tidal water sport fishing license issued by the State of Virginia, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, or District of Columbia, provided that this exemption shall not take effect until the Secretary has published notice in the Maryland Register of the Secretary's determination that the Virginia, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, or District of Columbia requirements for a tidal water sport fishing license are substantially similar to and reciprocal with the Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license requirements of this section;

(4) Is fishing pursuant to any special charter boat license issued under subsection (d)(1) of this section;

(5) [(i) Is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States;

(ii) Is a resident of this State;

(iii) Is on leave from the armed forces; and

(iv) Has, while fishing, a copy of the person's official leave orders]
IS A RESIDENT SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHILE ON LEAVE IN THE STATE, DURING THE RESIDENT'S LEAVE PERIOD, IF, WHILE FISHING, THE RESIDENT POSSESSES A COPY OF THE RESIDENT'S OFFICIAL LEAVE ORDER;

(6) SERVES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, IF, WHILE FISHING, THE PERSON POSSESSES VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION;

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[(6)] (7) Fishes on a free fishing day designated by the Secretary;

[(7)] (8) Holds a current resident consolidated senior sport fishing license issued under § 4-216 of this title;

[(8)] (9) Holds a current registration issued under subsection (d)(3) of this section; or

[(9)] (10) Is fishing on a commercial fishing pier licensed under subsection (d)(4) of this section.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 30, after “to” insert “Maryland residents who are”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 33 strike “2 years and 5 months” and substitute “3 years”; and in line 34, strike “December 31, 2018” and substitute “June 30, 2019”.