

# HOUSE BILL 1223

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By: **Delegate O'Donnell**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Apprentice Hunting License – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an apprentice hunting license that confers certain rights  
4 on a purchaser of the license; authorizing a person to obtain an apprentice hunting  
5 license without having first been issued a certificate of competency in firearms and  
6 hunter safety; authorizing certain persons to hunt under an apprentice hunting  
7 license only if accompanied and directly supervised by certain other persons;  
8 requiring a person who accompanies and directly supervises an apprentice hunting  
9 licensee to maintain certain contact with, provide certain direction to, and be in a  
10 certain physical position related to the apprentice hunting licensee; authorizing  
11 certain apprentice hunting licensees to hunt without supervision under certain  
12 circumstances; limiting to a certain amount the number of apprentice hunting  
13 licenses that may be issued to a person in the person's lifetime; prohibiting the  
14 renewal of an apprentice hunting license; prohibiting the issuance of an apprentice  
15 hunting license to certain persons; establishing certain fees for resident and  
16 nonresident apprentice hunting licenses; and generally relating to the establishment  
17 of the apprentice hunting license.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – Natural Resources  
20 Section 10–301(b)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article – Natural Resources  
25 Section 10–301(g)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Natural Resources**

4 10–301.

5 (b) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife, and  
6 preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or attempt to  
7 hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and mammals in  
8 the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident hunter's license. A  
9 person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and mammals in Baltimore County  
10 or Frederick County without first obtaining a license. A permanent resident of a  
11 government reservation may obtain a resident hunter's license.

12 (g) (1) There shall be the following types of hunting licenses in the State:

13 (i) A resident hunting license that enables the purchaser to hunt all  
14 legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season in Maryland without the  
15 purchase of additional stamps, unless the purchaser is hunting migratory game birds or  
16 deer during bow and arrow season or black powder season. To hunt migratory game birds  
17 the purchaser must also buy a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and to hunt wild  
18 waterfowl the purchaser must buy both a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and a  
19 federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. To hunt deer during bow and arrow  
20 season and black powder season the purchaser must also purchase a bow and arrow or  
21 black powder stamp.

22 (ii) A nonresident hunting license that enables the purchaser to hunt  
23 all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season without the purchase of  
24 additional stamps unless the purchaser is hunting migratory game birds or deer during  
25 bow and arrow season or black powder season. This license enables the purchaser to hunt  
26 migratory game birds only with the purchase of a Maryland migratory game bird stamp  
27 and to hunt wild waterfowl only with the purchase of both a Maryland migratory game bird  
28 stamp and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. This license enables  
29 the purchaser to hunt deer during bow and arrow season and black powder season only  
30 with the purchase of a nonresident bow and arrow or black powder stamp.

31 (iii) A nonresident 3–day hunting license that enables the purchaser  
32 to hunt all legal game birds and mammals except deer and turkey for the 3 consecutive  
33 legal hunting days in a single season that are specified on the license by the issuing agent.  
34 The purchaser must also purchase a Maryland migratory game bird stamp to hunt  
35 migratory game birds and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp to hunt  
36 wild waterfowl with this license. Under no circumstance does this license authorize the  
37 purchaser to hunt deer and turkey.

38 **(IV) 1. AN APPRENTICE 3–DAY HUNTING LICENSE THAT**  
39 **ENABLES THE PURCHASER TO HUNT ALL LEGAL GAME BIRDS AND MAMMALS FOR**

1 THE 3 CONSECUTIVE LEGAL HUNTING DAYS IN A SINGLE SEASON THAT ARE  
2 SPECIFIED ON THE LICENSE WITHOUT THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL STAMPS  
3 UNLESS THE PURCHASER IS HUNTING MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS OR DEER DURING  
4 BOW AND ARROW SEASON OR BLACK POWDER SEASON. THIS LICENSE ENABLES THE  
5 PURCHASER TO HUNT MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS ONLY WITH THE PURCHASE OF A  
6 MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD STAMP AND TO HUNT WILD WATERFOWL ONLY  
7 WITH THE PURCHASE OF BOTH A MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD STAMP AND A  
8 FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP. THIS LICENSE  
9 ENABLES THE PURCHASER TO HUNT DEER DURING BOW AND ARROW SEASON AND  
10 BLACK POWDER SEASON ONLY WITH THE PURCHASE OF A BOW AND ARROW OR  
11 BLACK POWDER STAMP.

12           2.    A.    A PERSON MAY OBTAIN AN APPRENTICE  
13 HUNTING LICENSE WITHOUT HAVING FIRST BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF  
14 COMPETENCY IN FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY UNDER § 10-301.1 OF THIS  
15 SUBTITLE.

16           B.    A PERSON MAY HUNT UNDER AN APPRENTICE  
17 HUNTING LICENSE WITHOUT HAVING FIRST BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF  
18 COMPETENCY IN FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED AND  
19 DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE  
20 AND POSSESSES A VALID RESIDENT NONAPPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE ISSUED  
21 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

22           C.    A PERSON WHO ACCOMPANIES AND DIRECTLY  
23 SUPERVISES AN APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSEE SHALL MAINTAIN CLOSE VISUAL  
24 AND VERBAL CONTACT WITH, PROVIDE ADEQUATE DIRECTION TO, AND BE IN A  
25 POSITION TO IMMEDIATELY ASSUME CONTROL OF THE FIREARM OF THE  
26 APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSEE.

27           3.    EXCEPT FOR A PERSON PARTICIPATING IN THE  
28 JUNIOR DEER HUNT, AN APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSEE WHO HAS OBTAINED A  
29 CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY IN FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY MAY HUNT  
30 WITHOUT SUPERVISION.

31           4.    AN APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE:

32           A.    MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON ONLY ONCE IN THE  
33 PERSON'S LIFETIME;

34           B.    MAY NOT BE RENEWED; AND

1 C. MAY NOT BE ISSUED TO A PERSON WHO HAS  
2 PREVIOUSLY BEEN ISSUED ANY HUNTING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

3 (2) Residents and nonresidents may purchase a senior hunting license  
4 beginning in the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65.

5 (3) A nonresident of any age must purchase either a nonresident hunting  
6 license or a nonresident 3-day hunting license to hunt in the State.

7 (4) The fees for hunting licenses are according to the following schedule:

8 (i) Resident, junior, under the age of 16 years ..... \$ 10.50

9 (ii) Resident, regular, at least 16 years old and under the age of 65  
10 years ..... \$ 24.50

11 (iii) Resident, senior, at least 65 years old ..... \$ 5.00

12 (iv) Nonresident, regular, at least 16 years old .....\$ 130.00

13 (v) Nonresident, junior, under the age of 16 years ..... \$ 32.50

14 (vi) Nonresident, senior, at least 65 years old ..... \$ 65.00

15 (vii) Complimentary license authorized to be issued under § 10-303  
16 of this subtitle ..... No fee

17 (viii) Nonresident 3-day hunting license ..... \$ 45.00

18 (IX) RESIDENT APPRENTICE ..... \$ 10.00

19 (X) NONRESIDENT APPRENTICE ..... \$ 20.00

20 (5) The fees for individual hunting stamps are according to the following  
21 schedule:

22 (i) Bow and arrow stamp ..... \$ 6.00

23 (ii) Nonresident bow and arrow stamp ..... \$ 25.00

24 (iii) Black powder stamp ..... \$ 6.00

25 (iv) Nonresident black powder stamp ..... \$ 25.00

26 (v) Maryland migratory game bird stamp ..... \$ 9.00

- 1                   (vi) Resident bonus antlered deer stamp ..... \$ 10.00
- 2                   (vii) Nonresident bonus antlered deer stamp for each type of deer
- 3 hunting season ..... \$ 25

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2016.