

# HOUSE BILL 1249

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By: **Delegate Carey**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting and Fishing – Complimentary Licenses – Wounded Military and**  
3 **Veterans**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a  
5 complimentary angler's license, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license, or  
6 hunting license and any associated State-issued stamps or permits to a person who  
7 is a member of the armed services or a veteran and has a service-connected  
8 disability; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to complimentary  
9 hunting and fishing licenses.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 4-607, 4-745(e), and 10-303  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Natural Resources  
17 Section 4-745(a)(1)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
21 Article – State Government  
22 Section 9-901(a) and (d)  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Natural Resources**

1  
2 4–607.

3 (a) (1) The Department may issue annually a complimentary angler’s license  
4 to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, and any official of the game  
5 and fish department of any other state.

6 (2) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary angler’s license to  
7 any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or 100%  
8 service connected disabled American veteran.

9 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY ANGLER’S**  
10 **LICENSE AND TROUT STAMP TO A PERSON WHO HAS A SERVICE-CONNECTED**  
11 **DISABILITY AND IS:**

12 **(I) SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;**  
13 **OR**

14 **(II) A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER § 9–901 OF THE STATE**  
15 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

16 (b) Not more than 20 complimentary **ANGLER’S** licenses for each state other than  
17 Maryland shall be outstanding at any time.

18 (c) A complimentary **ANGLER’S** license is not transferable and shall be issued  
19 without a fee on forms the Department designates.

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

24 4–745.

25 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section and § 4–217  
26 of this title, a person may not fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or in its tributaries up  
27 to tidal boundaries or in State waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays  
28 and their tributaries without first obtaining a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing  
29 license or registration issued under subsection (d)(3) of this section and possessing evidence  
30 of the license or registration.

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

1           (2) (I) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary  
2 Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license to any Maryland resident who certifies  
3 that the resident is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American  
4 veteran.

5                           **(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY**  
6 **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO A PERSON WHO HAS A**  
7 **SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY AND IS:**

8                           **1. SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED**  
9 **STATES; OR**

10                           **2. A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE**  
11 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

12           (3) A complimentary **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING**  
13 license is not transferable and shall be issued on forms the Department designates.

14 10-303.

15           (a) (1) The Department annually may issue a complimentary [hunter's]  
16 **HUNTING** license to the President of the United States, the governor of any state, or an  
17 official or an enforcement officer of the game and fish management agency of another state  
18 which reciprocally offers complimentary hunting licenses.

19                           (2) (i) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary [hunter's]  
20 **HUNTING** license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner  
21 of war or 100% service connected disabled American veteran.

22   (ii) The Department may issue a lifetime complimentary [hunter's]  
23 **HUNTING** license to an out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former  
24 prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran if the person's state  
25 of residence extends similar privileges to former prisoners of war or 100% service connected  
26 disabled American veterans of this State.

27                           **(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING**  
28 **LICENSE AND ANY ASSOCIATED STATE-ISSUED STAMP OR PERMIT TO A PERSON WHO**  
29 **HAS A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY AND IS:**

30                           **(I) SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;**  
31 **OR**

32                           **(II) A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE STATE**  
33 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

