

SENATE BILL 866

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Resident Hunting Licenses and Stamps – Members of the Armed Forces**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who is serving in the armed forces of the
4 United States to purchase a resident hunting license, resident bow and arrow stamp,
5 resident black powder stamp, and resident bonus antlered deer stamp if the
6 individual is stationed in the State; making certain stylistic changes; and generally
7 relating to resident hunting licenses and stamps.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–301(g)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 10–301.

17 (g) (1) **(I)** There [shall be the following types of hunting licenses in the
18 State:

19 (i) **A]** IS A resident hunting license that enables the purchaser to
20 hunt all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season in Maryland
21 without the purchase of additional stamps, unless the purchaser is hunting migratory game
22 birds or deer during bow and arrow season or black powder season.

23 **(II)** To hunt migratory game birds the purchaser must also buy a

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Maryland migratory game bird stamp and to hunt wild waterfowl the purchaser must buy both a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp.

(III) To hunt deer during bow and arrow season and black powder season the purchaser must also purchase a **RESIDENT** bow and arrow **STAMP** or **RESIDENT** black powder stamp.

(IV) **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES MAY PURCHASE A RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE, RESIDENT BOW AND ARROW STAMP, RESIDENT BLACK POWDER STAMP, AND RESIDENT BONUS ANTLERED DEER STAMP IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS STATIONED IN THE STATE.**

[(ii)] (2) (I) [A] **THERE IS A** nonresident hunting license that enables the purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals during any appropriate season without the purchase of additional stamps unless the purchaser is hunting migratory game birds or deer during bow and arrow season or black powder season.

(II) This license enables the purchaser to hunt migratory game birds only with the purchase of a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and to hunt wild waterfowl only with the purchase of both a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp.

(III) This license enables the purchaser to hunt deer during bow and arrow season and black powder season only with the purchase of a nonresident bow and arrow or black powder stamp.

[(iii)] (3) (I) [A] **THERE IS A** nonresident 3-day hunting license that enables the purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals except deer and turkey for the 3 consecutive legal hunting days in a single season that are specified on the license by the issuing agent.

(II) The purchaser must also purchase a Maryland migratory game bird stamp to hunt migratory game birds and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp to hunt wild waterfowl with this license.

(III) Under no circumstance does this license authorize the purchaser to hunt deer and turkey.

[(iv)] (4) (I) 1. [An] **THERE IS AN** apprentice hunting license that enables the purchaser to hunt all legal game birds and mammals in a single season without the purchase of additional stamps unless the purchaser is hunting migratory game birds or deer during bow and arrow season or black powder season.

2. This license enables the purchaser to hunt migratory game birds only with the purchase of a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and to hunt

wild waterfowl only with the purchase of both a Maryland migratory game bird stamp and a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp.

3. This license enables the purchaser to hunt deer during bow and arrow season and black powder season only with the purchase of a bow and arrow or black powder stamp.

[2. A.] (II) 1. A person may obtain an apprentice hunting license on satisfactory completion of a short online or electronic course of instruction in competency in firearms and hunter safety approved by the Department.

[B.] 2. A person may hunt under an apprentice hunting license only if accompanied and directly supervised by another person who is at least 18 years of age and possesses a valid resident nonapprentice hunting license issued under this subtitle.

[C.] 3. A person who accompanies and directly supervises an apprentice hunting licensee shall maintain close visual and verbal contact with, provide adequate direction to, and be in a position to immediately assume control of the firearm of the apprentice hunting licensee.

[3.] (III) Except for a person participating in a junior hunt approved by the Department, an apprentice hunting licensee who has obtained a certificate of competency in firearms and hunter safety under § 10–301.1 of this subtitle may hunt without supervision.

[4.] (IV) An apprentice hunting license:

[A.] 1. May be issued to a person only once in the person's lifetime;

[B.] 2. May not be renewed; and

[C.] 3. May not be issued to a person who has previously been issued any hunting license under this subtitle.

[(2)] (5) Residents may purchase a senior hunting license beginning in the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65.

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

[(4)] (7) Subject to paragraph **[(6)] (9)** of this subsection, the fees for hunting licenses are according to the following schedule:

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

1	(ii)	Resident, regular, at least 16 years old and under the age of 65	
2	years		\$ 24.50
3	(iii)	Resident, senior, at least 65 years old.....	\$ 5.00
4	(iv)	Nonresident, regular, at least 16 years old	\$ 130.00
5	(v)	Nonresident, junior, under the age of 16 years.....	\$ 65.00
6	(vi)	Complimentary license authorized to be issued under § 10–303	
7	of this subtitle.....		No fee
8	(vii)	Nonresident 3–day hunting license.....	\$ 45.00
9	(viii)	Resident apprentice	\$ 10.00
10	(ix)	Nonresident apprentice	\$ 20.00
11	[(5)] (8)	The fees for individual hunting stamps are according to the	
12	following schedule:		
13	(i)	[Bow] RESIDENT BOW and arrow stamp.....	\$ 6.00
14	(ii)	Nonresident bow and arrow stamp	\$ 25.00
15	(iii)	[Black] RESIDENT BLACK powder stamp	\$ 6.00
16	(iv)	Nonresident black powder stamp	\$ 25.00
17	(v)	Maryland migratory game bird stamp	\$ 9.00
18	(vi)	Resident bonus antlered deer stamp.....	\$ 10.00
19	(vii)	Nonresident bonus antlered deer stamp for each type of deer	
20	hunting season		\$ 25
21	[(6)] (9)	The Department shall establish a program to provide discounted	
22	hunting licenses and any associated State–issued stamps or permits to Maryland residents		
23	who are recipients of the Purple Heart Award.		
24	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July		
25	1, 2020.		