

SENATE BILL 25

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

Requested: July 14, 2019

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting and Fishing Licenses – Active Military, Former Prisoners of War,**
3 **Recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and Disabled Veterans**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the Department of Natural Resources
5 submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
6 certain date; repealing the termination provision for certain provisions of law
7 relating to the issuance of complimentary or discounted hunting and fishing licenses
8 to certain military personnel, former prisoners of war, recipients of the Purple Heart
9 Award, and disabled veterans; and generally relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

10 BY repealing

11 Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
12 Section 2

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
15 Section 3

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

18 **Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2017**

19 [SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31,
20 2019, the Department of Natural Resources shall report to the Governor and, in accordance
21 with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

22 (1) the number of discounted angler's licenses and trout stamps,
23 Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses and associated

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 State-issued stamps and permits issued to recipients of the Purple Heart Award under this
2 Act;

3 (2) the number and identity of any other states that have enacted
4 legislation authorizing the issuance of a lifetime complimentary angler's license, a
5 recreational salt water sport fishing license, or a hunting license to a Maryland resident
6 who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected
7 disabled veteran;

8 (3) the total number of complimentary angler's licenses, recreational salt
9 water sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses issued to Maryland residents under the
10 legislation; and

11 (4) the total number of complimentary angler's licenses, Chesapeake Bay
12 and coastal sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses issued by the Department to
13 out-of-state persons under this Act and § 10-303(a)(2)(ii) of the Natural Resources Article.]

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2017. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2020,
16 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
17 of no further force and effect.]

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
19 1, 2020.