

the United States Merchant Marine from the requirement for securing a hunting and fishing license.

WHEREAS, many men in the Armed Forces of the United States, in the United States Maritime Service and the United States Merchant Marine have a few days leave during which time they would like to hunt or fish; and

WHEREAS, it seems desirable that they should have the privilege of hunting and fishing without the necessity of securing a license; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That persons in the Armed Forces of the United States, in the United States Merchant Marine and the United States Maritime Service shall be furnished a gratis hunting or fishing license valid only during the open season, through the Clerks of the Courts of the respective counties and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City; said licenses shall be furnished and countersigned by the Game Warden to the Clerks of Courts without cost. There shall be no charge by said Clerks for issuing same. The Clerks of the Courts shall forward on the first of each month the stub from each license issued to persons in the armed forces gratis to the Game and Inland Fish Commission, Baltimore, Maryland, in the same manner as they report the sale of hunting and fishing licenses at present.

This privilege shall be extended only to persons of the armed forces who shall appear before the Clerk of the Court in the uniform of their respective service, present their credentials showing their status and while hunting or fishing must have the credentials on their person for inspection by the State Game Warden, any Deputy Game Warden, or any other person.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall continue for the duration of the present war.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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