

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

Article - Natural Resources

[10-309.

(a) A person desiring to be a commercial hunting guide first shall obtain a commercial hunting guide license. Licenses shall be issued in the manner prescribed by § 10-301. The Department may establish classifications of licensees and set the fee to be paid by each class not exceeding \$10 in any year for each license.

(b) The Department may prescribe rules and regulations governing the duties of guides and requiring an oath that a licensee shall abide by the wildlife laws of the State.

(c) A commercial hunting guide may not aid or accompany any person hunting any game bird or mammal unless the hunter possesses a proper hunter's license.

(d) In addition to any other penalty provided in this title, the Department may revoke the license of any commercial hunting guide convicted of violating the provisions of this section, any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to it, or any wildlife law or rule or regulation of the State.]

10-309.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "MASTER HUNTING GUIDE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) OWNS OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF A COMMERCIAL HUNTING GUIDE ORGANIZATION THAT OUTFITS OR GUIDES HUNTERS TO HUNT WILD WATERFOWL; AND

(II) RECEIVES MONETARY CONSIDERATION FOR THE OUTFITTING OR GUIDING OF HUNTERS TO HUNT WILD WATERFOWL.

(2) "MASTER HUNTING GUIDE" INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SELF-EMPLOYED.

(3) "MASTER HUNTING GUIDE" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN AGENT, EMPLOYEE, OR HELPER OF THE MASTER HUNTING GUIDE.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO THE LICENSING OF MASTER HUNTING GUIDES WHO RECEIVE MONETARY CONSIDERATION TO OUTFIT HUNTERS TO HUNT WILD WATERFOWL.