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Article - Natural Resources
Section 10-301.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Department of Natural Resources would like to institute a new category for hunting licenses in Maryland called a "patron's hunting license"; and

WHEREAS, This Act is introduced to provide the authority for the Department to issue a new "patron's hunting license"; and

WHEREAS, The "patron's hunting license" is not a mandatory hunting license since it is completely voluntary whether a person procures such a license; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the "patron's hunting license" is for the Department to accrue a new source of funding for the ~~administration-of-the-hunting-license-system-in-Maryland~~ Wildlife Management and Protection Fund; now, therefore,

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

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10-301.2.

(A) THERE IS A PATRON'S HUNTING LICENSE.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE ON A YEARLY BASIS A PATRON'S HUNTING LICENSE TO ANY PERSON WHO:

(1) APPLIES TO THE DEPARTMENT ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(2) PAYS \$500.

(C) THE HOLDER OF A PATRON'S HUNTING LICENSE MAY HUNT ANY GAME BIRDS OR MAMMALS DURING ANY OPEN SEASON AND IN ANY MANNER PERMITTED IN THE STATE WITHOUT OBTAINING ANY OTHER PERMIT LICENSE, EXCEPT THE FEDERAL AND MARYLAND MIGRATORY WILD WATERFOWL STAMPS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.