CHAPTER 724

(House Bill 1148)

AN ACT concerning

Hunting - Hunting Licenses

FOR purpose of providing for a consolidated hunting license system in the State for certain purposes; creating a senior lifetime hunting license for certain persons; altering the fees for certain hunting licenses and individual hunting stamps; providing for the use of certain funds collected under this Act; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to enter into certain contracts to reimburse certain persons for providing certain grains, grasses, and legumes to feed certain birds and mammals in the State; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; altering the schedule of fees that certain persons retain for the sale and issuance of certain hunting licenses; providing for the affixing of certain hunting stamps in a certain manner; allowing certain persons to purchase a second deer permit stamp to hunt a certain additional number of deer during certain hunting seasons; providing for a certain fee for the second deer permit requiring the stamp; Department to compile statistics under certain circumstances; making technical and stylistic changes; authorizing the Department to limit by regulation the number and type of deer stamps issued in certain circumstances; and generally relating to the establishment and administration of the hunting license system in Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 10-301, 10-302, 10-308, 10-308.1, and 10-415 Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, During the 1987 Legislative Interim, the Hunting Licenses Workgroup of the Environmental Matters Committee was charged with restructuring and simplifying the present hunting license system in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The specific goals of the Hunting License Workgroup were to:

(1) Eliminate the proliferation of hunting stamps order to simplify the system for hunters and licensing agents;