

(2) Provide for a consolidated hunting license;

(3) Decrease administrative costs to the Department of Natural Resources; and

(4) Provide for a fee schedule that is at least revenue neutral or revenue positive for the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, This Act is a product of this study during the 1987 Legislative Interim; now, therefore,

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

Article - Natural Resources

10-301.

(a) To provide a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing wildlife, and preventing unauthorized persons from hunting them, a person may not hunt or attempt to hunt during open season and in any permitted manner any game birds and mammals in the State without first having procured either a resident or nonresident hunter's license. A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt nongame birds and mammals in Baltimore County or Frederick County without first obtaining a license. A permanent resident of a government reservation may obtain a resident hunter's license.

(b) The following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license:

(1) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

(i) The owner of the farmland and the owner's spouse, children, and children's spouse; and

(ii) A tenant and the tenant's spouse, children, and, if residing on the farmland, children's spouse. A tenant is a person holding land under a lease, or a sharecropper who resides in a dwelling on the land, but it does not include any employee of the owner or tenant;

(2) Any resident serving in the Armed Forces of the United States while on leave in the State, during [his] THE RESIDENT'S leave period, if, while hunting, [he] THE RESIDENT possesses a copy of [his] THE RESIDENT'S official leave order; and

(3) Any unarmed person participating in an organized foxhunt.