

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

4-604.

(a) This section provides a fund to pay the expense of protecting and managing game and freshwater fish and preventing unauthorized persons from fishing or attempting to fish for any game and freshwater fish without first procuring an angler's license.

(b) (1) In this section, "resident" means a person who resides in this State on the date he applies for a license.

(2) "Resident" includes a member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and stationed officially in this State.

(c) Any person 16 years old or older shall secure an angler's license to fish in the nontidal waters of the State. An angler's license entitles the holder to fish in the nontidal waters of the State only during the open season.

(d) An angler's license is not required of the following:

(1) The owner or tenant of land bordering on nontidal water, his spouse and children, or the spouse of any child who resides on the land with the owner or tenant when he fishes in nontidal water adjoining his land;

(2) Any convalescent patient of a veterans' hospital hospitalized for a service connected disability who fishes in nontidal waters if the patient secures a permit issued by a special service officer of the American Red Cross under authority granted by the Department;

(3) Any group of disabled or convalescent patients organized and under the care and supervision of the American Red Cross, which upon the request of the American Red Cross, is authorized by the Department to fish for any recreational purpose in the nontidal waters;

(4) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States, while on leave in the State, during his leave period, if, while angling, he possesses a copy of his official leave orders;

(5) Any patient who is under treatment by a State-approved mental health facility, and any individual who attends or resides in a State-approved retardation facility;

(6) A caregiver, family member, or designee of a mental health care facility or private group home of a patient who is under treatment by a State-approved mental health facility, provided that: