

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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) (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.

(c) (1) An individual shall be licensed by the Department as a master hunting guide before the individual may receive financial compensation for outfitting or guiding hunters to hunt wild waterfowl.

(2) An agent, employee, or helper of a master hunting guide is exempt from the licensing requirements of this section. However, a master hunting guide shall register with the Department each agent, employee, or helper of the master hunting guide who is a field assistant.

(d) (1) To apply for a license as a master hunting guide, an applicant shall:

- (i) Submit an application to any person designated by the Department;
- (ii) Furnish any information required by the Department on the application, including the oath provided in subsection (e) of this section; and
- (iii) Pay to the person designated to issue the master hunting guide license a fee of \$100.

(2) As compensation for issuing the license, the designated person shall retain 25 cents of each \$100 fee received under this section.

(3) On the first day of each month, the designated person shall send to the Department the remainder of the fees received for master hunting guide licenses.

(e) The application shall contain the following affidavit, which shall be signed before a master hunting guide license is valid: