

(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

10-301.

(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) [(1)] The following persons are not required to obtain a hunter's license or bonus antlered deer stamp:

[(i)] (1) With respect to hunting on farmland only:

[1.] (I) [Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the] THE RESIDENT owner of the farmland and the owner's spouse, children, and children's spouse; [and

2.] (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 a tenant does not include any employee of the owner or tenant; AND

(III) A NONRESIDENT OWNER OF A PARCEL OF FARMLAND LOCATED ~~IN MARYLAND AND AN ADJACENT STATE WHOSE PRIMARY RESIDENCE IS ON THAT PARCEL~~, AND THE OWNER'S SPOUSE, CHILDREN, AND CHILDREN'S SPOUSE IF:

1. THE PARCEL OF FARMLAND IS LOCATED IN MARYLAND AND AN ADJACENT STATE;

2. THE OWNER'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE IS ON THE PARCEL OF FARMLAND; AND

3. THE ADJACENT STATE EXTENDS SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND;

[(ii)] (2) Any resident serving in the armed forces of the United States while on leave in the State, during the resident's leave period, if, while hunting, the resident possesses a copy of the resident's official leave order; and

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