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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller
President, Senate of Maryland
H107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates
H101 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Submission of Report for Nonresident Junior and Senior Hunting Licenses

Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources


Report Authority: HB 554, Chapter 260, Section 2 from 2015 (MSAR 10623)

Dear Governor, President and Speaker:

In accordance with HB 554, Chapter 260, Section 2 from 2015 the Department of Natural Resources hereby submits the Nonresident Junior and Senior Hunting Licenses report.

If you have any questions about this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Stephen Schatz, Director, Legislative and Constituent Services (Acting), at 410-260-8004 or Stephen.schatz@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



Mark Belton
Secretary

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November 20, 2017

House Bill 554 of the 2015 General Assembly session required the Department of Natural Resources to submit a report to the governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017, describing:

- (1) the number of nonresident junior hunting licenses and nonresident regular hunting licenses issued by the department for license years 2013–2014 through 2016–2017;
- (2) the number of nonresident senior hunting licenses issued by the department for license years 2015–2016 and 2016–2017; and
- (3) an estimate of any economic benefits to the state attributable to any increase in the issuance of nonresident hunting licenses, including increased business activity and tax receipts.

In accordance with these requirements, the Department of Natural Resources reports the following:

(1) Number of nonresident junior hunting licenses and nonresident regular hunting licenses issued:

Hunting License Year	# of Nonresident Junior Licenses Issued	# of Nonresident Regular Licenses Issued
2013-2014	683	13,101
2014-2015	730	13,917
2015-2016	840	14,095
2016-2017	879	14,356

(2) Number of nonresident senior hunting licenses issued:

Hunting License Year	# of Nonresident Senior Licenses Issued
2015-2016	2,111
2016-2017	2,334

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(3) Estimate of any economic benefits to the state attributable to any increase in the issuance of nonresident hunting licenses.

The hunting license revenue received by the Department of Natural Resources during the two years for which the new Nonresident Senior Hunting License and the reduced fee Nonresident Junior Hunting License were sold was slightly more compared to the revenue received from the sale of hunting licenses sold to nonresidents during the preceding two years.

The following table provides a summary of those revenues received.

Hunting License Year	Nonresident Junior Licenses Revenue	Nonresident Regular Licenses Revenue	Nonresident Senior Licenses Revenue	Total Nonresident License Revenue
2013-2014	\$44,395.00	\$1,697,240.50	NA	\$1,741,635.50
2014-2015	\$46,045.50	\$1,803,034.00	NA	\$1,849,079.50
2015-2016	\$27,169.00	\$1,826,023.50	\$136,670.00	\$1,989,862.50
2016-2017	\$28,491.00	\$1,859,006.50	\$151,455.00	\$2,038,952.50

In conclusion, the reduction in the cost of a Nonresident Junior Hunting License and the creation of a Nonresident Senior Hunting License did not result in an overall reduction in revenue received by the Department of Natural Resources from nonresident hunters. In fact, there was a slight increase in overall revenue received from the sale of nonresident hunting licenses during the first two years of the changes resulting from House Bill 554.