

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-531 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the lawful sale of trout.*

3 [H 502]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 29.1-531 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 29.1-531. Unlawful to take or attempt to take, possess, sell or transport fish except as permitted.

8 A. Unless otherwise provided by a regulation of the Board, it shall be unlawful for any person to
9 take or attempt to take any fish in inland waters other than shad, herring or mullet, except by fishing
10 with a hook and line or rod and reel, held in the hand.11 B. It shall be unlawful to catch, trap, take, capture, kill, or attempt to take, capture or kill, possess,
12 deliver for transportation, transport, cause to be transported, receive for transport, export, or import at
13 any time or in any manner any species of game fish, or the carcass or any part thereof, except as
14 specifically permitted by law and only by the means and within the numbers stated.15 C. In Mecklenburg, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Charlotte, Campbell, Halifax, Amelia (except
16 between Vaughn's Pond and Meadsville Dam), Caroline and King George Counties, in the City of
17 Danville, and in the Meherrin River in Lunenburg County, it shall be lawful to fish with fish traps, fish
18 pots or haul seines in any streams and waters, provided that no person shall catch fish with fish traps or
19 fish pots or haul seines for commercial purposes. However, it shall be unlawful in such localities to
20 remove from the waters thereof any game fish caught with fish pots, fish traps or haul seines, and any
21 person doing so shall immediately return them to the waters. The Board shall have the authority to close
22 any streams or rivers or parts of streams or rivers in such localities when the waters are stocked with
23 fish by the Department.24 D. It shall be lawful to sell or offer to sell ~~for human consumption~~ trout which have been lawfully
25 acquired, provided such trout have been propagated and raised in a hatchery or by other artificial means.
26 The Board shall by appropriate regulation establish a practical system of identification of trout so
27 offered for sale for table use or other uses as directed by the Board.28 E. It shall be unlawful to offer for sale, sell, offer to purchase, or purchase at any time or in any
29 manner any species of game fish, or the carcass or any part thereof, except as specifically permitted by
30 law and only by the means and within the numbers stated. A violation of the provisions of this
31 subsection shall be punishable as provided in § 29.1-553.

32 F. A violation of the provisions of subsections A through D shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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