

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-523.1, relating to use of*
3 *firearms equipped with sights when hunting deer after dark; penalty.*

4 [H 2098]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-523.1 as follows:**8 *§ 29.1-523.1. Hunting deer with sights after dark; forfeiture of weapon and sighting device.*

9 *A. Any person who kills or attempts to kill any deer between one hour after sunset and one hour*
10 *before sunrise using a firearm equipped with any sighting device other than iron or open sights shall be*
11 *guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. In addition to this penalty, the court shall revoke the current hunting*
12 *license, if any, of the person convicted of violating this section and prohibit the issuance of any hunting*
13 *license to that person for the next license year. Notification of such revocation or prohibition shall be*
14 *forwarded to the Department pursuant to subsections C and D of § 18.2-56.1.*

15 *B. Every firearm equipped with any sighting device other than iron or open sights used with the*
16 *knowledge or consent of the owner in violation of this section shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth.*
17 *Upon being condemned as forfeited in proceedings under Chapter 22 (§ 19.2-369 et seq.) of Title 19.2,*
18 *the proceeds of the sale shall be disposed of according to law.*

19 *This section shall not apply to persons duly authorized to kill deer according to the provisions of*
20 *§ 29.1-529.*

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