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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 28.2-229 and 29.1-328 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the term of fishing licenses.

Patrons—Blevins and Louderback; Senator: Martin

Referred to Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 28.2-229 and 29.1-328 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-229. When licenses terminate; proration and refund not permitted.

A. ~~The Commission shall issue all licenses on an annual basis. All licenses shall be valid from January 1 of each year or their later date of purchase and expire on December 31 of the year in which issued. The Commission shall issue all licenses, which shall run and be valid for one year from their date of purchase.~~

B. Refunds shall not be made or prorated if the fishing effort is reduced, or seasons are closed (i) in order to promote conservation of the fisheries or (ii) due to natural conditions. Refunds shall not be made for any license that is suspended or revoked.

§ 29.1-328. Term of licenses and permits.

A. Hunting and trapping licenses and permits, including those issued pursuant to § 29.1-302, shall be valid from July 1 of each year or their later date of purchase, to June 30 of the following year, unless sooner revoked.

B. *Until the Department has implemented an automated point-of-sale licensing system, F*fishing licenses shall run and be valid from January 1 of each year or their later date of purchase to December 31 of same year, unless sooner revoked. *Upon implementation of such a system, fishing licenses shall run and be valid for one year from their date of purchase.*

C. The terms of licenses listed in subsections A and B of this section shall not apply to the lifetime hunting and fishing license established in § 29.1-302.1.

D. National Forest Stamps, issued pursuant to § 29.1-408, shall be valid from January 1 of each year or their later date of purchase, to December 31 of the same year or from July 1 of each year or their later date of purchase, to June 30 of the following year, unless sooner revoked.

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