

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2005 SESSION

CHAPTER 507

An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-285 of the Code of Virginia, relating to hunting while intoxicated; penalty.

[S 1149]

Approved March 22, 2005

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-285 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-285. Hunting with firearms while under influence of intoxicant or narcotic drug; penalty.

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt *wildlife* with ~~firearms~~ *a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow* in the Commonwealth of Virginia while ~~he is~~ *(i) under the influence of alcohol; or while (ii) under the influence of any narcotic drug or any other self-administered intoxicant or drug of whatsoever nature, or any combination of such drugs, to a degree that impairs his ability to hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow safely; or (iii) under the combined influence of alcohol and any drug or drugs to a degree that impairs his ability to hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow safely.* Any person ~~violating~~ *who violates* the provisions of this section ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of a Class ~~2~~ *1* misdemeanor. Game wardens, sheriffs and all other law-enforcement officers shall enforce the provisions of this section.