

## 2005 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1612

Offered January 12, 2005

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-134 of the Code of Virginia, relating to releasing hunting dogs on another landowner's property; penalty.*

Patron—Cole (By Request)

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

#### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

#### **1. That § 18.2-134 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-134. Trespass on posted property; release of dogs.

A. Any person who goes on the lands, waters, ponds, boats or blinds of another, which have been posted in accordance with the provisions of § 18.2-134.1, to hunt, fish or trap except with the written consent of or in the presence of the owner or his agent shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. *It is unlawful for any person to release his dogs on another person's posted land for the purpose of pursuing, taking, chasing, flushing, or killing game or wild animals, without the landowner's permission. It shall be a rebuttable presumption that any hunter's dog found on another's property not under the control of its owner is in violation of this subsection. A violation of this subsection shall be a Class 4 misdemeanor.*

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