056164444 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2273** 1 **2 3** Offered January 12, 2005 Prefiled January 11, 2005 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 29.1 a section 5 numbered 29.1-530.3, relating to remote hunting; penalty. 6 Patron—Oder 7 8 Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 5 a section numbered 11 29.1-530.3 as follows: 12 13 § 29.1-530.3. Remote hunting prohibited; penalty. 14 15

A. No person shall operate, provide, sell, or use or offer to operate, provide, sell, or use any device or service that allows a person, not physically present, to remotely control a firearm, weapon, or device to hunt any live animal or bird.

B. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition to the penalty prescribed herein, the court shall revoke all current hunting licenses, if any, of the person convicted of violating this section and prohibit the issuance of any hunting license to that person for a period of not less than three or more than five years. Notification of the revocation or prohibition shall be forwarded to the Department pursuant to subsections C and D of § 18.2-56.1.

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