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HOUSE BILL NO. 2741

Offered January 12, 2005

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-1209 of the Code of Virginia, relating to shooting of arrows from bows in populated areas.

Patron—Reid

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-1209 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1209. Prohibiting shooting of firearms or arrows from bows in certain areas.

Any county may prohibit the shooting of firearms *or arrows from bows* in any areas of the county which are in the opinion of the governing body so heavily populated as to make such conduct dangerous to the inhabitants thereof.

*For purposes of this section, "bow" includes all compound bows, crossbows, longbows and recurve bows having a peak draw weight of 10 pounds or more. The term "bow" does not include bows that have a peak draw of less than 10 pounds or that are designed or intended to be used principally as toys. The term "arrow" means a shaft-like projectile intended to be shot from a bow.*

Any county that prohibits the ~~firing~~ shooting of firearms *or arrows from bows* shall provide an exemption for the killing of deer pursuant to § 29.1-529. Such exemption shall apply on land of at least five acres that is zoned for agricultural use.

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