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**HOUSE BILL NO. 5**

House Amendments in [ ] - January 20, 2006

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-314 of the Code of Virginia, relating to trout fishing.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Carrico

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 29.1-314 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 29.1-314. Special fishing permits for certain handicapped persons.

A. Upon receipt of an application from an officer or designated representative of any organized group of physically or mentally handicapped persons who meet on a regular basis, including students at schools for the blind or deaf, the Director may issue not more than two permits of one day each, in any calendar year, to such group to fish without licenses in public waters open to fishing. The permits shall not be issued for use in designated waters stocked with trout or in waters where a daily fishing fee has been imposed pursuant to § 29.1-318; *however, a permit [ shall may ] be issued to such group to fish without licenses on the second Saturday of May in designated waters stocked with trout.*

B. The application for the permit shall state the name and description of the group, the date upon which it will be used, the general area in which it will be used, and the name of the person or organization responsible for the group.

**2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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