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## SENATE BILL NO. 718

Offered January 25, 2006

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 29.1-305 and 29.1-332 of the Code of Virginia, relating to contributions to Hunters for the Hungry.*

Patron—Stolle

Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

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

#### **1. That §§ 29.1-305 and 29.1-332 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 29.1-305. Special license for hunting bear, deer and turkey; authority of Board to create bear license.

A. A special license is required for hunting bear, deer and turkey in this Commonwealth, which shall be in addition to the license required to hunt other game. The fee for the special license shall be ~~\$12~~ *\$13* for a resident age 16 or older, \$7.50 for a resident under the age of 16, and ~~\$60~~ *\$62* for a nonresident 16 years of age or older, \$15 for a nonresident 12 years of age to 15 years of age, and \$12 for a nonresident younger than 12 years of age. *One dollar of the license fee paid by a resident age 16 or older and \$2 of the license fee paid by a nonresident age 16 or older shall be allocated to Hunters For The Hungry as provided in subsection C of § 29.1-332.*

B. The Board may create a separate special license for the hunting of bear in this Commonwealth. The fee for such a special license shall be \$25 for residents and \$150 for nonresidents. A person who obtains a special license for hunting bear shall also be required to obtain the state resident license or state nonresident license pursuant to § 29.1-303. If a special license to hunt bear is established by the Board, the special license required in subsection A shall authorize the hunting of deer and turkey only.

The license to hunt bear, deer and turkey or, if authorized by the Board, the license to hunt bear may be obtained from the clerk or agent of any county or city whose duty it is to sell hunting licenses.

§ 29.1-332. License and permit receipts; compensation for issuing; sums to be credited to game protection fund.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-1802, the money received for licenses and permits issued under this title shall be paid by each clerk or agent to the Department for payment into the state treasury. Payment shall be made by means prescribed by the Board and agreed to by the clerk or agent. For license sales by telephone or electronic media, the means of payment may include a continuous deposit of proceeds from the sale of licenses into accounts from which the Department may electronically transfer funds to a Departmental or state account at agreed-upon intervals. For license sales made other than by telephone or electronic media, the clerk or agent shall add \$.50 to the fee for each license or permit he issues and retain the \$.50 as compensation for such service.

B. Upon receipt into the treasury of such sums the Comptroller shall credit the sums to the game protection fund or to the Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Endowment Fund for licenses sold pursuant to § 29.1-302.1.

C. The voluntary contributions collected pursuant to subsection B of § 29.1-330 *and that portion of the fees allocated to Hunters For The Hungry as provided in subsection A of § 29.1-305* and remitted to the Department shall be deposited into the state treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund, within the game protection fund, known as the Feed the Hungry Fund. Monies in this fund shall be disbursed quarterly to Hunters For The Hungry to support its programs to feed the hungry and other statewide activities related to this mission.

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