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SENATE BILL NO. 377

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-705 of the Code of Virginia, relating to crab pots.

Patron—Stuart

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 28.2-705 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-705. License restrictions; exemption; penalty.

A. It is unlawful to:

1. Take crabs with a rake which is pulled or pushed by a boat;

2. Use a crab pot which has a mesh less than 1 1/2 inches, unless a different mesh size is promulgated pursuant to subsection B of § 28.2-701;

3. Place food, except as may be provided for in regulations of the Commission, for adult male (jimmy) crabs in a peeler pot. A peeler pot is exempt from mesh size limitations, unless a peeler pot mesh size is promulgated pursuant to subsection B of § 28.2-701;

4. Use a boat when buying crabs which is also used to take or catch hard crabs with dredges, when the Commission has limited the taking of crabs under § 28.2-713; and

5. *Take crabs from a crab pot unless authorized by the owner licensed and identified pursuant to § 28.2-712.*

B. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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