HOUSE BILL NO. 1618

Offered January 14, 2009 Prefiled November 19, 2008 A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-312 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special hunting permits for

Patrons—Merricks and Cole

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

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certain veterans.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-312 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-312. Special fishing or hunting permits for certain veterans.

Upon application received from the director or other comparable official representing any veterans hospital or other military hospital in Virginia, any adjoining state, or the District of Columbia, the Director may permit any organized group of patients (i) actually residing in such hospitals or (ii) actively receiving outpatient medical treatment to hunt without licenses on any lands of the Commonwealth where it is otherwise legal to do so or to fish without licenses in any public waters open to fishing, including designated waters stocked with trout and in waters where a daily fishing fee has been imposed pursuant to § 29.1-318. The application for the permit shall state the date or dates 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.