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HOUSE BILL NO. 2507

House Amendments in [] - February 9, 2009

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-229 of the Code of Virginia, relating to refunds for fishing licenses.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Pollard

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 28.2-229 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-229. When licenses terminate; proration and refund not permitted.

A. The Commission shall issue all licenses on an annual basis. All licenses shall be valid from January 1 of each year or their later date of purchase and expire on December 31 of the year in which issued.

B. Refunds shall not be made or prorated if the fishing effort is reduced, or seasons are closed (i) in order to promote conservation of the fisheries or (ii) due to natural conditions. Refunds shall not be made for any license that is suspended or revoked. *However, if the license [was terminated for is no longer for sale due to] fisheries management purposes [before one-third of the season has elapsed] , refunds shall be made to the license holder on a prorated basis.*

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