

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-315.1, relating to a special*  
3 *hunting and fishing license for wildlife education events.*

4 [H 2636]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-315.1 as follows:**8 *§ 29.1-315.1. Special permit to hunt and fish by youth during fish and wildlife education events.*

9 *Upon receipt of an application from an officer or other designated official representative of any*  
10 *nonprofit organization that has as one of its stated purposes to educate youth on Virginia's fish and*  
11 *wildlife resources, the Director may issue a permit to an officer or representative of the organization*  
12 *that allows youths under the age of 18 years old who participate in a fish and wildlife educational event*  
13 *of the organization to hunt and fish. This permit shall serve in lieu of having to purchase a state youth*  
14 *resident combination hunting license pursuant to § 29.1-303.3 or state resident basic hunting license*  
15 *pursuant to § 29.1-303, the special license for hunting bear, deer, and turkey pursuant to § 29.1-305*  
16 *and the state resident fishing license pursuant to subsection A of § 29.1-310. The permit shall be valid*  
17 *for a period of 48 hours. The permit fee shall be \$25 or as subsequently revised by the Board pursuant*  
18 *to § 29.1-103. The application for the permit shall state the date upon which it will be used, the general*  
19 *area in which it will be used, the name of the person and organization responsible for the group of*  
20 *participants, and the number of participants to be covered by the permit. All youth participating in a*  
21 *hunting event covered by the permit shall comply with the provisions of subsection A of § 29.1-300.1*  
22 *regarding competence in hunter education, or shall be accompanied and directly supervised by an adult*  
23 *over the age of 18 who has, on his person, a valid Virginia hunting license.*

24 *For the purposes of this section, "accompanied and directly supervised" occurs when a person over*  
25 *18 years of age maintains a close visual and verbal contact with, provides adequate direction to, and*  
26 *can immediately assume control of the firearm from the youth participant.*

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