

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 28.2-709 of the Code of Virginia, relating to establishing a season for*
3 *taking crabs.*

4 [S 1111]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 28.2-709 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 28.2-709. Closed season for taking crabs in certain area; penalty.

9 It is unlawful for any person to take or catch crabs for resale from the following area ~~from June 1~~
10 ~~through September 15~~ *except during those periods established pursuant to regulations adopted by the*
11 *Commission*. Ownership of a current license to take or catch crabs shall be prima facie evidence that
12 such taking or catching of crabs was for resale. The limits of the area are defined as follows:

13 Beginning at the point of origin of the center line of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel facility
14 where such facility commences in the City of Norfolk, Virginia, and following the shoreline in a general
15 easterly direction, and also extending 200' out from the mean low-water mark of such shoreline into the
16 Chesapeake Bay, to Harrison's fishing pier, Ocean View, and thence in a general northerly direction to
17 Thimble Shoal Lighthouse; thence running in approximately a northeasterly direction to Cape Charles
18 Lighthouse, located on Smiths Island; and thence in approximately a southwestern direction to Cape
19 Henry Lighthouse, and bounded by the shoreline; and thence following the shoreline in a general
20 westerly direction back to the point of beginning.

21 A violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

22 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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