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HOUSE BILL NO. 1268

Offered January 19, 2010

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-226.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to recreational gill nets affixed to piers.*

Patron—Gear

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 28.2-226.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 28.2-226.2. Commission to establish requirements for commercial gear licenses used for recreational purposes.

A. The Commission is authorized to establish the type and amount of commercial gear which can be used for taking finfish and shellfish for recreational purposes. The license fees for use of recreational gear shall be the same as fees charged for the particular gear when used commercially.

B. The Commission shall not issue to any licensee a recreational gear license which exceeds the following limitations:

1. One gill net up to 300 feet in length, \$7.50;

2. Up to 10 crab pots, \$29;

3. One crab trap or crab pound, \$5;

4. One crab scrape, \$16; ~~or~~

5. Two eel pots, \$10; *or*

6. *One staked gill net up to 300 feet that is affixed to the licensee's pier, \$25.*

C. All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Virginia Marine Products Fund as established under § 3.2-2705.

D. The Commission may subsequently revise the cost of licenses pursuant to § 28.2-201.

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