

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 28.2-302.7 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia*
3 *by adding a section numbered 28.2-302.1:1, relating to saltwater recreational fishing; consistent with*
4 *national registry.*

5 [S 668]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That § 28.2-302.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of**
9 **Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 28.2-302.1:1 as follows:**

10 *§ 28.2-302.1:1. Fisherman Identification Program.*

11 *The Commission shall establish the Fisherman Identification Program, which shall be consistent with*
12 *the National Saltwater Angler Registry Program. Those persons who purchase a license under this*
13 *article shall not be required to register with the Fisherman Identification Program.*

14 *§ 28.2-302.7. Recreational boat; reporting of catch.*

15 A. The owner or operator of a recreational boat used for saltwater recreational fishing shall have the
16 option of purchasing a saltwater recreational fishing license which covers his passengers and himself to
17 meet the licensing requirements set forth in § 28.2-302.1. The cost of the license shall be \$30 or as
18 subsequently revised by the Commission pursuant to § 28.2-201 a year for boats; *however,*
19 *notwithstanding subdivision 4 of § 28.2-201, the Commission may institute a one-time fee increase of no*
20 *more than \$10 to purchase the license issued pursuant to this section.* If the owner or operator of the
21 boat does not purchase a license which covers all his passengers, individuals shall still purchase a
22 license as required by § 28.2-302.1. Purchasers of licenses pursuant to this section will be issued an
23 individual license, at no additional cost, as required in § 28.2-302.1.

24 B. Holders of licenses issued pursuant to subsection A shall report catch and other data as are
25 deemed necessary by the Commission for effective fisheries management.

26 C. All funds collected pursuant to this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the
27 Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund, as established by § 28.2-302.3.

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