

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 28.2-305 of the Code of Virginia, relating to haul seine nets.*

3 [H 196]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 28.2-305 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 28.2-305. Size of mesh and length and depth of certain nets; penalty.

8 A. It is unlawful for any person to use the following nets:

9 1. A pound net or a mullet gill net that is less than 200 yards long having a smaller mesh than two
10 inches, stretched measure, after having been tarred; ~~or~~11 2. A haul seine longer than 1,000 yards and if over 200 yards long having mesh less than three
12 inches, stretched measure; ~~and~~ *however, the mesh of up to 400 feet of the net shall be no less than two*
13 *and one-half inches, stretched measure, when the haul seine is set from the beach whereby one end of*
14 *the net is anchored to the shore and the other end is mechanically drawn, without the aid of a boat or*
15 *vessel, to the shore; or*

16 3. A mullet gill net deeper than forty meshes.

17 B. It is unlawful to set a pound net or other fixed fishing device on an established and presently
18 used haul seine area, except that this provision shall not affect a pound net stand presently licensed.

19 C. A violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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