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SENATE BILL NO. 559

Senate Amendments in [] - January 31, 2012

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 10.1-1152 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state forest special use permits.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Hanger

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-1152 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-1152. State Forester may require permits and fees.

A. The State Forester is authorized, ~~with the approval of the Board,~~ to require any person who hunts, fishes, traps, rides ~~mountain~~ bikes, or rides horses on any of the lands described in § 10.1-1151 to obtain a special use permit. A special use permit to engage in these activities on any such lands shall be issued for a fee, ~~not to exceed \$15 annually, as fixed by the State Forester.~~ Permits to trap on such lands may be issued in combination with the hunting permits, or separately, at a fee ~~not to exceed \$15 annually for each such permit, to be fixed by the State Forester established by regulations promulgated by the~~ Department.

B. The State Forester is also authorized to enter into an agreement with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries under which the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will include permits required under subsection A in its program for the sale of permits and licenses by the means and to the extent authorized by § 29.1-327.

[2. That the Department of Forestry shall promulgate emergency regulations to implement the provisions of this act that establish a fee for the special use permit to become effective within 280 days of the enactment of this act. Until the effective date of such regulation a fee not to exceed \$15 shall be charged for the issuance of a special use permit as required under § 10.1-1152 of the Code of Virginia.]

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