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## SENATE BILL NO. 1280

Offered January 14, 2013

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-525.2, relating fox and coyote enclosures.*

Patrons—Marsden, Ebbin and Miller; Delegate: Kory

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-525.2 as follows:**

*§ 29.1-525.2. Fox and coyote enclosures; penalty.*

*A. It is unlawful to erect or maintain an enclosure for the purpose of pursuing, hunting, or killing or attempting to pursue, hunt, or kill any fox or coyote with a dog or dogs.*

*B. It is unlawful to pursue, hunt, or kill or attempt to pursue, hunt, or kill any fox or coyote with a dog or dogs within an enclosure erected or maintained for the purpose of pursuing, hunting, or killing or attempting to pursue, hunt, or kill any fox or coyote.*

*C. It is unlawful to:*

*1. Stage or participate in any competition where any fox or coyote is pursued by dogs and the fox or coyote is in an enclosure.*

*2. Give or accept any prize, money, compensation or other award relating to the participation in any competition where fox or coyote are pursued by a dog or dogs within an enclosure.*

*D. The provisions of subsections A and B shall not apply to the pursuit of fox with a dog or dogs in an enclosure (i) that operated under a permit issued by the Department prior to January 1, 2013, and (ii) for which a valid, annually issued permit has been continuously maintained. Permits shall be nontransferable to any other location or to any person other than a spouse.*

*E. This section shall not be construed to limit any federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulation pertaining to animal cruelty or neglect.*

*F. This section shall not preclude the pursuing, hunting, or killing of any fox or coyote by a dog or dogs in the absence of an enclosure or the killing of any fox or coyote by a landowner or tenant when the fox or coyote is doing damage to domestic stock or fowl on the owned or leased land.*

*G. For the purposes of this section:*

*"Competition" means a judged event in which a dog or dogs pursue any fox or coyote within an enclosure.*

*"Enclosure" includes a fence or other barrier that is used to prevent or impede the natural egress by any fox or coyote.*

*H. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor for a first offence, a Class 2 misdemeanor for a second offence and a Class 1 misdemeanor for a third offense. This subsection shall not be construed as limiting the Department's enforcement authority of available penalties under other sections of this Code.*

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