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SENATE BILL NO. 202

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

Patrons—Marsden, Barker, Ebbin, Favola and Petersen; Delegates: Englin and 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 prohibited; 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. *Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition, a court may order the owner of the enclosure to modify the enclosure to allow the free egress by fox and coyote.*

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

E. *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.*

F. *For the purposes of this section, "enclosure" includes a fence or other barrier that is used to prevent or impede the natural egress by any fox or coyote.*

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