

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-300.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to apprentice hunters.*

3 [H 1146]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 29.1-300.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**7 **§ 29.1-300.4. Apprentice hunting license; deferral of hunter education.**

8 A. There is hereby established an apprentice hunting license. The license shall be a one-time
9 nonrenewable license that shall be valid for two years from the date of purchase and shall entitle the
10 licensee to a one-time deferral of completion of hunter education required under § 29.1-300.1. The
11 apprentice hunting licensee shall not hunt *prior to completing hunter education* unless accompanied and
12 directly supervised by an adult over the age of 18 who has, on his person, a valid Virginia hunting
13 license. For the purposes of this section, "accompanied and directly supervised" occurs when a person
14 over 18 maintains a close visual and verbal contact with, provides adequate direction to, and can
15 immediately assume control of the firearm from the apprentice hunter. The cost of the license shall be
16 \$10 for a resident and \$20 for a nonresident. The Board may subsequently revise the cost of the license
17 pursuant to § 29.1-103.

18 B. Possession of a valid apprentice hunting license shall serve in lieu of the state resident hunting or
19 nonresident hunting license required under subdivisions 2 and 3 of § 29.1-303, respectively. The
20 purchase of any other hunting licenses shall be at the same cost as specified for residents or
21 nonresidents in this title or as subsequently revised by the Board pursuant to subdivision 16 of
22 § 29.1-103. The purchase of the apprentice hunting license shall not qualify the holder to purchase a
23 regular hunting license or exempt the licensee from compliance with the requirements of this title and
24 any regulations adopted by the Department. Any previous holder of a state resident or nonresident
25 hunting license issued under this title shall be prohibited from the purchase of an apprentice hunting
26 license for himself.

27 C. *Upon completion of hunter education under § 29.1-300.1, and unless otherwise required by law to*
28 *be supervised, the apprentice hunting licensee may hunt unsupervised subject to the requirements of*
29 *applicable state law and regulations.*

30 D. The Board may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.