

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-300.1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia*
3 *by adding a section numbered 29.1-305.2, relating to special fox hunting licenses.*

4 [S 145]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 29.1-300.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of**
8 **Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-305.2 as follows:**

9 **§ 29.1-300.1. Certification of competence in hunter education.**

10 A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section and §§ 29.1-300.4 and 29.1-305.2, no
11 hunting license shall be issued to (i) a person who has never obtained a license to hunt in any state or
12 country, or (ii) a person who is under the age of sixteen, unless such a person presents to the Board of
13 Game and Inland Fisheries or one of its authorized license vendors, a certificate of completion in hunter
14 education issued or authorized by the Board under the hunter education program, or proof that he holds
15 the equivalent certificate obtained from an authorized agency or association of another state or country.

16 B. Although a resident under the age of twelve is not required to obtain a license to hunt, any person
17 under the age of twelve, or an individual on his behalf, may purchase a Virginia hunting license or a
18 junior lifetime hunting license pursuant to § 29.1-302.1, without completing a hunter education program
19 as required in subsection A of this section, provided that no person under the age of twelve shall hunt
20 unless accompanied and directly supervised by an adult who has, on his person, a valid Virginia hunting
21 license. The junior lifetime hunting license issued to an individual under the age of twelve shall become
22 invalid on the individual's twelfth birthday and remain invalid until certification of competence in hunter
23 education is shown as provided in this section. A lifetime license, indicating the completion of hunter
24 education or an equivalent certificate, shall be reissued at no cost when such proof is provided.

25 The adult shall be responsible for such supervision. For the purposes of this section, "adult" means
26 the parent or legal guardian of the person under age twelve, or such person over the age of eighteen
27 designated by the parent or legal guardian.

28 "Accompanied and directly supervised" means that the adult is within sight of the person under the
29 age of twelve.

30 C. This section shall not apply to persons while on horseback hunting foxes with hounds but without
31 firearms.

32 **§ 29.1-305.2. Special fox hunting licenses.**

33 *There shall be a special license for hunting foxes on horseback with hounds but without firearms.*
34 *The special license shall exempt the licensee from the hunter education requirement of § 29.1-300.1. The*
35 *fee for the special license shall be the same as any license required by § 29.1-303 and shall be subject*
36 *to subsequent revision by the Board pursuant to § 29.1-103. This special license shall not be required of*
37 *any person holding a hunting license required by § 29.1-103.*

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