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SENATE BILL NO. 371

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-328 of the Code of Virginia, relating to terms of hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and permits.

Patron—McWaters

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-328 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-328. Term of licenses and permits; multiple-year license.

A. Until the Department has implemented an automated point-of-sale licensing system, hunting and trapping licenses and permits, including those issued pursuant to § 29.1-302, shall be valid from July 1 of each year or their later date of purchase, to June 30 of the following year, unless sooner revoked. Upon implementation of such a system, hunting *Hunting* and trapping licenses and permits shall be valid for one year from their date of purchase or future effective date, as authorized by the Department, except those licenses issued pursuant to § 29.1-305, which shall be valid from July 1 of each year or their later date of purchase, to June 30 of the following year, unless sooner revoked.

B. Until the Department has implemented an automated point-of-sale licensing system, fishing licenses shall run and be valid from January 1 of each year or their later date of purchase to December 31 of same year, unless sooner revoked. Upon implementation of such a system, fishing *Fishing* licenses shall run and be valid for one year from their date of purchase or future effective date, as authorized by the Department.

C. The Board may authorize the sale of any annual license or permit issued under this title for a period exceeding the one-year term. Such a multiple-year license or permit shall be valid for the number of consecutive years stated on the permit or license. The fee for such a multiple-year license or permit shall not exceed the total amount that would be charged if the particular license or permit was purchased on an annual basis over the specified number of years.

D. The terms of licenses listed in subsections A, B, and C shall not apply to the lifetime hunting and fishing license established in § 29.1-302.1.

E. National Forest Stamps, issued pursuant to § 29.1-408, shall be valid for one year from their date of purchase, unless sooner revoked.

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