VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2015 SESSION

CHAPTER 470

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-543.1, relating to the introduction, stocking, and release of blue catfish; penalty.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-543.1 as follows: § 29.1-543.1. Introduction, stocking, and release of blue catfish; penalty.

A. It is unlawful for any person to introduce into or stock in waters of the Commonwealth, including private ponds or lakes, the blue catfish or its hybrids or to release any blue catfish or any such hybrid into any water body other than that in which it was caught.

B. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.