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HOUSE BILL NO. 1329

Offered January 21, 2016

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-132.1, relating to trespass by hunters using dogs; penalty.*

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake 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 18.2-132.1 as follows:****§ 18.2-132.1. Trespass by hunters using dogs; penalty.**

Any person who intentionally releases hunting dogs on the lands of another which have been posted in accordance with the provisions of § 18.2-134.1 to hunt without the consent of the landowner or his agent is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation of this section within three years is a Class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the court shall revoke such person's hunting or trapping license for a period of one year. The fact that hunting dogs are present on the lands of another alone is not sufficient evidence to prove that the person acted intentionally.

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