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HOUSE BILL NO. 584

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Yost)

House Amendments in [] — February 15, 2016

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-527.2, relating to the feeding of deer.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-527.2 as follows:

§ 29.1-527.2. Localities may prohibit feeding of deer.

Any [~~locality~~ city or town] may, by ordinance, prohibit the feeding of deer within its jurisdiction. The Department shall make available to localities a model ordinance suggested for use by localities. The penalty for violating such an ordinance shall be a civil fine not to exceed \$50. It shall be the duty of the governing body enacting an ordinance under this section to notify the Director by registered mail of the adoption of such an ordinance.

Any such ordinance shall not apply to agricultural, commercial, noncommercial, or residential plantings; distribution of food to livestock; or wildlife management activities conducted or authorized by the Department. The ordinance shall not limit the authority of the Board to regulate feeding of wildlife consistent with this chapter.

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