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HOUSE BILL NO. 2255

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-305 of the Code of Virginia, relating to big game hunting licenses.

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-305 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-305. Special license for hunting bear, deer, turkey, or other big game.

A. A special license is required for hunting *each big game species, as defined by the Department, including bear, deer and turkey in this the Commonwealth*, which shall be in addition to the license required to hunt other game. The fee for ~~the special license~~ *each species* shall be \$12 for a resident age 16 or older, \$7.50 for a resident under the age of 16, and \$60 for a nonresident 16 years of age or older, \$15 for a nonresident 12 years of age to 15 years of age, and \$12 for a nonresident younger than 12 years of age.

B. The Board may create a separate special license for the hunting of bear in this Commonwealth. The fee for such a special license shall be \$25 for residents and \$150 for nonresidents. A person who obtains a special license for hunting bear shall also be required to obtain the state resident license or state nonresident license pursuant to § 29.1-303. If a special license to hunt bear is established by the Board, the special license required in subsection A shall authorize the hunting of deer and turkey only.

The *Each* license to hunt bear, deer and turkey or, if authorized by the Board, the license to hunt bear *a big game species* may be obtained from the clerk or agent of any county or city whose duty it is to sell hunting licenses.

C. The Board may subsequently revise the cost of licenses set forth in this section pursuant to § 29.1-103.

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