SENATE BILL NO. 968	
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A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-336 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bear, deer, and turkey hunting license; electronic carry.

Patrons—Chafin, Lewis, Mason and McPike

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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1. That § 29.1-336 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-336. Carrying licenses and certificates; penalty.

A. Every person who is issued a hunting, trapping, or fishing license shall carry the license on his person while hunting, trapping, or fishing. Persons who have been issued such licenses and fail to carry them when required shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

B. Any person who is 16 years of age or older and who is (i) required to present a certificate of completion in hunter education to obtain a hunting license pursuant to § 29.1-300.1, and (ii) issued a hunting license by telephone, the Internet, or other electronic or computerized means, shall also carry such certificate on his person while hunting.

C. Any person who is 12 years of age through 15 years of age, and is issued a hunting license by telephone, the Internet, or other electronic or computerized means, shall carry his certificate of completion in hunter education on his person while hunting, unless he is accompanied and directly supervised by an adult who has, on his person, a valid Virginia hunting license and certificate if required under subsection B.

D. For purposes of this section and § 29.1-337, "carry" means possess a hard copy or electronic copy of the license or certificate, except that any license for bear, deer, or turkey required by § 29.1-305 shall be possessed in hard copy.