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HOUSE BILL NO. 1188

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-305 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bear hunting license; inclusion with deer and turkey.

Patron—Wampler

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, and turkey; authority of Board to create bear license.

A. A The Board shall create a special license is required for hunting bear, deer, and turkey in this the Commonwealth, which shall be required in addition to the license required to hunt other game. The fee for the such special license shall be \$12 for a resident age 16 or older, and \$7.50 for a resident under the age of 16, and \$60 for a nonresident age 16 years of age or older, \$15 for a nonresident age 12 years of age to age 15 years of age, and \$12 for a nonresident younger than age 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 license to hunt bear, deer and turkey or, if authorized by the Board, the license to hunt bear 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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