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SENATE BILL NO. 158

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-4002, 2.2-4103, 28.2-409 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 28.2-1000.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to menhaden fishing in Chesapeake Bay prohibited.

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-4002, 2.2-4103, 28.2-409 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-4002. Exemptions from chapter generally.

A. Although required to comply with § 2.2-4103 of the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq.), the following agencies shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter, except to the extent that they are specifically made subject to §§ 2.2-4024, 2.2-4030, and 2.2-4031:

1. The General Assembly.

2. Courts, any agency of the Supreme Court, and any agency that by the Constitution is expressly granted any of the powers of a court of record.

3. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries in promulgating regulations regarding the management of wildlife and for all case decisions rendered pursuant to any provisions of Chapters 2 (§ 29.1-200 et seq.), 3 (§ 29.1-300 et seq.), 4 (§ 29.1-400 et seq.), 5 (§ 29.1-500 et seq.), and 7 (§ 29.1-700 et seq.) of Title 29.1.

4. The Virginia Housing Development Authority.

5. Municipal corporations, counties, and all local, regional or multijurisdictional authorities created under this Code, including those with federal authorities.

6. Educational institutions operated by the Commonwealth, provided that, with respect to § 2.2-4031, such educational institutions shall be exempt from the publication requirements only with respect to regulations that pertain to (i) their academic affairs, (ii) the selection, tenure, promotion and disciplining of faculty and employees, (iii) the selection of students, and (iv) rules of conduct and disciplining of students.

7. The Milk Commission in promulgating regulations regarding (i) producers' licenses and bases, (ii) classification and allocation of milk, computation of sales and shrinkage, and (iii) class prices for producers' milk, time and method of payment, butterfat testing and differential.

8. The Virginia Resources Authority.

9. Agencies expressly exempted by any other provision of this Code.

10. The Department of General Services in promulgating standards for the inspection of buildings for asbestos pursuant to § 2.2-1164.

11. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in developing, issuing, and revising guidelines pursuant to § 23.1-207.

12. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services in adopting regulations pursuant to subsection B of § 3.2-6002 and in adopting regulations pursuant to § 3.2-6023.

13. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services in promulgating regulations pursuant to subsections B and D of § 3.2-3601, subsection B of § 3.2-3701, § 3.2-4002, subsections B and D of § 3.2-4801, §§ 3.2-5121 and 3.2-5206, and subsection A of § 3.2-5406.

14. The Board of Optometry when specifying therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, treatment guidelines, and diseases and abnormal conditions of the human eye and its adnexa for TPA-certification of optometrists pursuant to Article 5 (§ 54.1-3222 et seq.) of Chapter 32 of Title 54.1.

15. The Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services in adopting regulations pursuant to § 2.2-2001.3.

16. The State Board of Education, in developing, issuing, and revising guidelines pursuant to § 22.1-203.2.

17. The Virginia Racing Commission, (i) when acting by and through its duly appointed stewards or in matters related to any specific race meeting or (ii) in promulgating technical rules regulating actual live horse racing at race meetings licensed by the Commission.

18. The Virginia Small Business Financing Authority.

19. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.

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59 20. The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services in adopting, amending or repealing regulations
60 pursuant to subsection A (ii) of § 59.1-156.

61 21. The Insurance Continuing Education Board pursuant to § 38.2-1867.

62 22. The Board of Health in promulgating the list of diseases that shall be reported to the Department
63 of Health pursuant to § 32.1-35 and in adopting, amending or repealing regulations pursuant to
64 subsection C of § 35.1-14 that incorporate the Food and Drug Administration's Food Code pertaining to
65 restaurants or food service.

66 ~~23. The Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission in setting a date of closure for the~~
67 ~~Chesapeake Bay purse seine fishery for Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes pursuant to~~
68 ~~§ 28.2-1000.2.~~

69 ~~24. The Board of Pharmacy when specifying special subject requirements for continuing education~~
70 ~~for pharmacists pursuant to § 54.1-3314.1.~~

71 ~~25. 24. The Virginia Department of Veterans Services when promulgating rules and regulations~~
72 ~~pursuant to § 58.1-3219.7 or 58.1-3219.11.~~

73 ~~26. 25. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services when developing, issuing, or revising~~
74 ~~any training standards established by the Criminal Justice Services Board under § 9.1-102, provided such~~
75 ~~actions are authorized by the Governor in the interest of public safety.~~

76 B. Agency action relating to the following subjects shall be exempted from the provisions of this
77 chapter:

78 1. Money or damage claims against the Commonwealth or agencies thereof.

79 2. The award or denial of state contracts, as well as decisions regarding compliance therewith.

80 3. The location, design, specifications or construction of public buildings or other facilities.

81 4. Grants of state or federal funds or property.

82 5. The chartering of corporations.

83 6. Customary military, militia, naval or police functions.

84 7. The selection, tenure, dismissal, direction or control of any officer or employee of an agency of
85 the Commonwealth.

86 8. The conduct of elections or eligibility to vote.

87 9. Inmates of prisons or other such facilities or parolees therefrom.

88 10. The custody of persons in, or sought to be placed in, mental health facilities or penal or other
89 state institutions as well as the treatment, supervision, or discharge of such persons.

90 11. Traffic signs, markers or control devices.

91 12. Instructions for application or renewal of a license, certificate, or registration required by law.

92 13. Content of, or rules for the conduct of, any examination required by law.

93 14. The administration of pools authorized by Chapter 47 (§ 2.2-4700 et seq.).

94 15. Any rules for the conduct of specific lottery games, so long as such rules are not inconsistent
95 with duly adopted regulations of the Virginia Lottery Board, and provided that such regulations are
96 published and posted.

97 16. Orders condemning or closing any shellfish, finfish, or crustacea growing area and the shellfish,
98 finfish or crustacea located thereon pursuant to Article 2 (§ 28.2-803 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 28.2.

99 17. Any operating procedures for review of child deaths developed by the State Child Fatality
100 Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, any operating procedures for review of adult deaths developed
101 by the Adult Fatality Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.5, and any operating procedures for review of
102 adult deaths developed by the Maternal Mortality Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8.

103 18. The regulations for the implementation of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program and the
104 activities of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§
105 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

106 19. The process of reviewing and ranking grant applications submitted to the Commonwealth
107 Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board pursuant to Article 12 (§ 51.5-178 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title
108 51.5.

109 20. Loans from the Small Business Environmental Compliance Assistance Fund pursuant to Article 4
110 (§ 10.1-1197.1 et seq.) of Chapter 11.1 of Title 10.1.

111 21. The Virginia Breeders Fund created pursuant to § 59.1-372.

112 22. The types of pari-mutuel wagering pools available for live or simulcast horse racing.

113 23. The administration of medication or other substances foreign to the natural horse.

114 24. Any rules adopted by the Charitable Gaming Board for the approval and conduct of game
115 variations for the conduct of raffles, bingo, network bingo, and instant bingo games, provided that such
116 rules are (i) consistent with Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 and (ii)
117 published and posted.

118 C. Minor changes to regulations published in the Virginia Administrative Code under the Virginia
119 Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq.), made by the Virginia Code Commission pursuant to § 30-150, shall be
120 exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

121 **§ 2.2-4103. Agencies to file regulations with Registrar; other duties; failure to file.**

122 It shall be the duty of every agency to have on file with the Registrar the full text of all of its
123 currently operative regulations, together with the dates of adoption, revision, publication, or amendment
124 thereof and such additional information requested by the Commission or the Registrar for the purpose of
125 publishing the Virginia Register of Regulations and the Virginia Administrative Code. Thereafter,
126 coincidentally with the issuance thereof, each agency shall from day to day so file, date, and supplement
127 all new regulations and amendments, repeals, or additions to its previously filed regulations. The filed
128 regulations shall (i) indicate the laws they implement or carry out, (ii) designate any prior regulations
129 repealed, modified, or supplemented, (iii) state any special effective or terminal dates, and (iv) be
130 accompanied by a statement or certification, either in original or electronic form, that the regulations are
131 full, true, and correctly dated. No regulation or amendment or repeal thereof shall be effective until filed
132 with the Registrar.

133 Orders condemning or closing any shellfish, finfish or crustacea growing area and the shellfish,
134 finfish or crustacea located thereon pursuant to Article 2 (§ 28.2-803 et seq.) of Chapter 8, of Title 28.2,
135 which are exempt from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) as
136 provided in subsection B of § 2.2-4002, shall be effective on the date specified by the promulgating
137 agency. Such orders shall continue to be filed with the Registrar either before or after their effective
138 dates in order to satisfy the need for public availability of information respecting the regulations of state
139 agencies.

140 An order setting a date of closure for the Chesapeake Bay purse seine fishery for Atlantic menhaden
141 for reduction purposes pursuant to ~~§ 28.2-1000.2, which is exempt from the requirements of the~~
142 ~~Administrative Process Act as provided by subsection A of § 2.2-4002,~~ shall be effective on the date
143 specified. Such orders shall be filed with the Registrar for prompt publication.

144 In addition, each agency shall itself (i) maintain a complete list of all of its currently operative
145 regulations for public consultation, (ii) make available to public inspection a complete file of the full
146 texts of all such regulations, and (iii) allow public copying thereof or make copies available either
147 without charge, at cost, or on payment of a reasonable fee. Each agency shall also maintain as a public
148 record a complete file of its regulations that have been superseded on and after June 1, 1975.

149 Where regulations adopt textual matter by reference to publications other than the Federal Register or
150 Code of Federal Regulations, the agency shall (i) file with the Registrar copies of the referenced
151 publications, (ii) state on the face of or as notations to regulations making such adoptions by reference
152 the places where copies of the referred publications may be procured, and (iii) make copies of such
153 referred publications available for public inspection and copying along with its other regulations.

154 Unless he finds that there are special circumstances requiring otherwise, the Governor, in addition to
155 the exercise of his authority to see that the laws are faithfully executed, may, until compliance with this
156 chapter is achieved, withhold the payment of compensation or expenses of any officer or employee of
157 any agency in whole or part whenever the Commission certifies to him that the agency has failed to
158 comply with this section or this chapter in stated respects, to respond promptly to the requests of the
159 Registrar, or to comply with the regulations of the Commission.

160 **§ 28.2-409. Menhaden fishing prohibited in certain areas; exception.**

161 A. Except as provided in subsection B ~~of this section,~~ it shall be unlawful to take or catch menhaden
162 with purse nets in the following waters:

163 1. In the Piankatank River and its tributaries above and west of a line beginning at the northernmost,
164 as measured from the low-water mark, edge of land known as Gwynn's Island at or near the mouth of
165 Kibble Pond, thence in a northerly direction in a straight line to the easternmost edge of high land on
166 Stingray Point;

167 2. In the Rappahannock River and its tributaries above and west of the R.O. Norris, Jr., Bridge;

168 3. In the York River and its tributaries above and west of a line extending northwardly from the
169 western line of Goodwin Islands through the western line of Ellen Island to the northern bank of the
170 York;

171 4. In the East, North, Ware and Severn Rivers and their tributaries; ~~and~~

172 5. In Cape Charles harbor eastward of a line from the western tip of the jetty on the southern side of
173 the channel to the westernmost tip of the jetty on the northern side of the channel; in Kings Creek and
174 Cherrystone inlet eastward of a line from the western end of the jetty on the north side of Cape Charles
175 harbor to the southern end of Wescoat Point; in Mattawoman and Hungars Creek eastward of a line
176 from the northwesternmost tip of land in Old Town Neck to Great Neck Point; in Nassawadox Creek
177 eastward of a line from Shooting Point to Nassawadox Point; in Occohannock Creek eastward of a line
178 from Sparrow Point to the southernmost tip of Powells Bluff; in Nandua Creek eastward of a line from
179 the northernmost point of Milbys Point to the southwesternmost point of land in Hacks Neck, said line
180 having a true bearing of 027°; in Pungoteague Creek eastward of a line from Bluff Point to the
181 southeasternmost point of Finneys Island; in Onancock Creek eastward of a line from Thicket Point to

182 Ware Point; in Chesconessex Creek eastward of a line from the northernmost point of Sound Beach to
183 the northwesternmost point of Beach Island; in Deep Creek, Hunting Creek and Guilford Creek eastward
184 of a line from the easternmost tip of Russel Island to Halfmoon Point to Peters Point to Simpson Point
185 to Flood Point to Ebb Point to the mouth of Great Gut; in Messongo Creek eastward of a line from
186 South Point to North Point in the Virginia portion of the Pocomoke River northeast of a line from Long
187 Point to Virginia-Maryland spar buoy "A"; in the Great Wicomico River from the mouth of Whay's
188 Creek to Sandy Point; in Dividing Creek, Prentice Creek and Jarvis Creek westward of a line from
189 Hughlett Point to Jarvis Point; in Indian Creek and Henrys Creek westward of a line from the
190 southeasternmost point of land on the eastern side of the mouth of Henrys Creek to the easternmost
191 point of Fleets Bay Neck; in Dymers Creek westward of a line from the southernmost point of Grog
192 Island to the easternmost point of Poplar Neck; in Tabbs Creek westward of the line across the mouth
193 of the creek at its narrowest point; in Horn Harbor and Dyer Creek westward of a line from the
194 southernmost tip of Beach Point to the northernmost point on the south side of the mouth of Dyer
195 Creek; in Back Creek, Clarkston Creek, Chisman Creek, Poquoson River, Bennett Creek, and adjacent
196 waters westward of a line from the southeasternmost point of Goodwin Islands to the westernmost point
197 of Cow Island; in Back River westward of a line from Plumtree Point to the westernmost point of
198 Northend Point; in Little Creek southward of a line from the north point of the west jetty to the north
199 point of the east jetty; in Lynnhaven Bay southward of the Lynnhaven Inlet Bridge on U. S. Route 60;
200 and

201 6. *In the territorial waters of the Commonwealth lying west of or within three miles of the*
202 *Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.*

203 B. During the period from the first Monday in May through the third Friday in November, vessels
204 under seventy gross tons which are licensed in accordance with subdivision 1 of § 28.2-402 are
205 authorized to take or catch menhaden in the following waters: in the Rappahannock River eastward and
206 southward from a line extending from Towles Point to Burnham Wharf and from Orchard Point to
207 Towles Point; in Dividing Creek eastward from a line extending from Jarvis Point to Ditchley Pump
208 House; in Indian Creek eastward from a line directly across the creek at Rappahannock Oyster
209 Company; in Dymers Creek eastward from a line directly across the creek at the eastern end of Standard
210 Products dock.

211 **2. That § 28.2-1000.2 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**