

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

CHAPTER 414

An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-739.1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-735.1, relating to the operation of seaplanes; penalty.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-739.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-735.1 as follows:

§ 29.1-735.1. Board authorized to promulgate regulations for seaplanes.

The Board may promulgate regulations governing the takeoff, landing and taxi of seaplanes on impoundments located in the inland waters of the Commonwealth, so as to reduce the risks of collision, personal injury and property damage as a result of such operation. Such regulations shall not be inconsistent with regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration. Game wardens shall report any alleged violations of federal or state regulations regarding the operation of seaplanes or aircraft to the appropriate federal authorities responsible for regulating the operation of seaplanes and aircraft.

§ 29.1-739.1. Disregarding signal by law-enforcement officer to stop; attempts to elude; penalty.

A. Any person who, having received a visible or audible signal of a flashing light or siren from any game warden or other law-enforcement officer to bring his motorboat or other vessel, *or seaplane* to a stop, fails to do so promptly shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

B. Any person who, having received a visible or audible signal of a flashing light or siren from any game warden or other law-enforcement officer to bring his motorboat or other vessel, *or seaplane* to a stop, (i) operates or navigates such motorboat or other vessel, *or seaplane* in willful or wanton disregard of such signal so as to endanger the life of the law-enforcement officer or other persons or to interfere with the operation of a law-enforcement vessel, or (ii) increases his speed and attempts to escape or elude a law-enforcement officer shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.