

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

CHAPTER 753

An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-600 of the Code of Virginia, to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-600.1, and to repeal § 29.1-608 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the regulation of shooting preserves.

[H 168]

Approved April 11, 1994

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-600 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-600.1 as follows:

§ 29.1-600. Licenses for shooting preserves.

A. The Director is ~~authorized to~~ *shall* issue licenses for *all* shooting preserves when, ~~in his judgment, operations under such licenses will result in an increase in hunting opportunities in the Commonwealth, and will otherwise be in the public interest such preserves meet the requirements established pursuant to regulations.~~ *Commercially operated preserves initially licensed on and after July 1, 1994 shall meet local zoning and land use requirements.* A fee of fifty dollars shall be collected for each such license issued to any preserve open to the public. A fee of fifty cents per acre for the first 300 acres and two dollars for each additional acre shall be collected for each license issued for other preserves. In no instance shall the license fee for a private preserve be less than fifty dollars. All license fees collected under this section shall be credited to the game protection fund. All such licenses shall expire on June 30 of each year.

B. Fees collected from such preserves shall only be used to administer this chapter.

§ 29.1-600.1. *Board to promulgate regulations.*

The Board shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, including, but not limited to, requirements for the licensing and operation of all shooting preserves located within this Commonwealth. In promulgating such regulations the Board shall follow the procedure established in §§ 29.1-501 through 29.1-504. The Department may recover from the licensee actual costs incurred by the Department for investigating or disposing of shooting preserve animals that exhibit disease or are not properly confined in violation of Board regulations.

2. That § 29.1-608 of the Code of Virginia is repealed upon the effective date of regulations promulgated pursuant to § 29.1-600.1.