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HOUSE BILL NO. 174

Offered January 13, 1994

A BILL 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.

Patrons—DeBoer, Bennett, Councill and Ingram

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

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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 to promulgate regulations for seaplanes.

The Board shall promulgate regulations governing the take-off, 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.

§ 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.

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