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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2552

Offered January 23, 1995

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 28.2-700 and 28.2-705 of the Code of Virginia, relating to peeler pots; penalty.*

Patron—Morgan

Referred to Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 28.2-700 and 28.2-705 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

28.2-700. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Crab dredge" means a device, which may have teeth on the bar, that is designed and used to catch crabs buried in the bottom.

"Crab pot" means a device made of wire or thread net used to catch crabs.

"Peeler crab" means a crab that has a soft shell fully developed under the hard shell, or a crab on which there is a pink or white line or rim on the edge of that part of the back fin next to the outer section of this fin.

"Peeler pot" means a wire mesh pot baited with only live adult male (jimmy) blue crabs ~~and food for these crabs.~~

§ 28.2-705. License restrictions; exemption; penalty.

A. It is unlawful to:

1. Take crabs with a rake which is pulled or pushed by a boat;

2. Use a crab pot which has a mesh less than 1 1/2 inches;

3. Place food for adult male (jimmy) crabs in a peeler pot ~~from September 16 through May 14~~. A peeler pot is exempt from mesh size limitations;

4. Use a boat when buying crabs which is also used to take or catch hard crabs with dredges, when the Commission has limited the taking of crabs under § 28.2-713.

B. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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