

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 28.2-700 and 28.2-705 of the Code of Virginia, relating to peeler*
3 *pots; penalty.*

4 [H 2552]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That §§ 28.2-700 and 28.2-705 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 28.2-700. Definitions.

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

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

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

13 "Peeler crab" means a crab that has a soft shell fully developed under the hard shell, or a crab on
14 which there is a pink or white line or rim on the edge of that part of the back fin next to the outer
15 section of this fin.16 "Peeler pot" means a wire mesh pot baited with only live adult male (jimmy) blue crabs ~~and food for~~
17 ~~these crabs.~~

18 § 28.2-705. License restrictions; exemption; penalty.

19 A. It is unlawful to:

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

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

22 3. Place food for adult male (jimmy) crabs in a peeler pot ~~from September 16 through May 14~~. A
23 peeler pot is exempt from mesh size limitations;24 4. Use a boat when buying crabs which is also used to take or catch hard crabs with dredges, when
25 the Commission has limited the taking of crabs under § 28.2-713.

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

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