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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 2560**

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-302.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund.

Patrons—Behm, Cooper, Copeland, Crittenden, Croshaw, Morgan and Spruill; Senators: Cross and Maxwell

Referred to Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

## 1. That § 28.2-302.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-302.3. Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund established.

There is hereby established a special, nonreverting fund in the state treasury to be known as the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund, hereafter referred to as the Fund. The interest earned on the principal of the Fund also shall not revert to the general fund. The Fund shall be administered by the Commission, to be used solely for the purposes of conserving and enhancing finfish species taken by recreational anglers; enforcing the provisions of §§ 28.2-302, 28.2-302.1, and 28.2-302.6 through 28.2-302.9 and regulations promulgated thereunder; improving recreational fishing opportunities; administrating the Virginia Saltwater Sport Fishing Tournament certificates program; obtaining necessary data and conducting research for fisheries management; and creating or restoring habitat for species taken by recreational fishermen. The Fund shall consist of moneys collected pursuant to §§ 28.2-302, 28.2-302.2, and 28.2-302.6 through 28.2-302.9.