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HOUSE BILL NO. 645

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-302.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to resident lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

Patrons—Thomas, Albo, Bennett, Cranwell, Deeds, Guest, Landes, Melvin, Shuler, Van Yahres and Woodrum; Senator: Edwards

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 29.1-302.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 29.1-302.1. Special lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for residents and nonresidents.

A. Any resident or nonresident individual may apply for and receive from the Department, after payment of the appropriate fee, any of the following lifetime licenses which shall be valid for the life of the individual, nontransferable, and permit the person to engage in the licensed activity on any property in the Commonwealth according to restrictions and regulations of law:

1. A basic resident lifetime hunting license, to be obtained for a fee of \$250. *This license is valid for the lifetime of the license holder even if the license holder becomes a nonresident of the Commonwealth subsequent to the purchase of the license.*

2. A basic resident lifetime fishing license, to be obtained for a fee of \$250. *This license is valid for the lifetime of the license holder even if the license holder becomes a nonresident of the Commonwealth subsequent to the purchase of the license.*

3. A basic nonresident lifetime hunting license, to be obtained for a fee of \$500.

4. A basic nonresident lifetime fishing license, to be obtained for a fee of \$500.

Such basic lifetime hunting licenses shall serve in lieu of the state resident hunting license as provided for in subdivision 2 of § 29.1-303, or state nonresident hunting license as provided for in subdivision 3 of § 29.1-303. Such basic lifetime fishing licenses shall serve in lieu of the state resident fishing license as provided for in subdivision A 2 of § 29.1-310 or state nonresident fishing license as provided for in subdivision A 3 of § 29.1-310.

B. Applications for all lifetime hunting and fishing licenses authorized by this section shall be made to the Department. The form and issuance of such a license shall conform to the provisions of this chapter for all licenses.

Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all money credited to, held by, or to be received by the Department from the sale of licenses authorized by this section shall be consolidated and placed in the Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Endowment Fund established in § 29.1-101.1.

C. Any resident who is permanently disabled, as defined in § 58.1-3217, who applies for either of the resident lifetime licenses authorized by this section shall receive such a license for a fee of five dollars. The applicant shall provide proof of permanent disability acceptable to the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

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