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HOUSE BILL NO. 2356

House Amendments in [] — January 27, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-217 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special game wardens.

Patron—Deeds

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 29.1-217 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 29.1-217. Special game wardens receiving no compensation from Commonwealth.

A. On request of any employer owning more than ~~4,000~~ 500 acres in this Commonwealth, the Director may appoint as special game wardens persons employed by the owner. No such special game warden shall receive any compensation from the Commonwealth for his services as such. Any such special game warden shall give the bond required by § 29.1-201 prior to serving. The powers and authority of such special game warden shall not extend beyond the lands of his employer. The Director may require any special game warden to perform duties on such lands as are required for the enforcement of this chapter.

B. On request of two or more adjoining landowners who own 1,000 or more contiguous acres in this Commonwealth, the Director may appoint as special game wardens persons employed by one or more of the landowners. No such special game warden shall receive any compensation from the Commonwealth for his services as such. Any such special game warden shall give the bond required by § 29.1-201 prior to serving. The powers and authority of such special game warden shall not extend beyond the lands of the adjoining landowners requesting the appointment of the special game warden. The Director may require any special game warden to perform duties on such lands as are required for the enforcement of this chapter.

C. The Commonwealth and the Department shall not be liable in any manner for the acts or omissions of special game wardens appointed pursuant to this section occurring during the performance of their duties as special game wardens.

[D. Each request for appointment of a special game warden shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$100 to defray the cost of processing the request.]

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