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HOUSE BILL NO. 1472

Offered January 13, 1999 Prefiled December 7, 1998 A BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-210 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Marine Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 28.2-210 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-210. Adoption of emergency regulations.

Commission emergency regulations.

If, in an emergency, the adoption of a regulation is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, or the protection of the seafood industry, natural resources or marine organisms, the Commission may promulgate the necessary regulation; however, such a regulation shall not be submitted to the Registrar of Regulations or become effective unless the Secretary of Natural Resources finds that an emergency exists under the standards established by this section. The regulation shall be published and filed as prescribed in § 28.2-209. No regulation adopted as an emergency regulation shall remain in effect longer than thirty days unless a public hearing is held as required in § 28.2-211 after being advertised as prescribed in § 28.2-209.