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HOUSE BILL NO. 1484

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 28.2-302.7 and 28.2-302.7:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to recreational boats; saltwater recreational fishing licenses.

Patron—Morgan

Referred to Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 28.2-302.7 and 28.2-302.7:1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-302.7. Recreational boat; reporting of catch.

A. The owner *or operator* of a recreational boat used for saltwater recreational fishing shall have the option of purchasing a saltwater recreational fishing license which covers his passengers and himself to meet the licensing requirements set forth in § 28.2-302.1. The cost of the license shall be thirty dollars a year for boats. If the owner *or operator* of the boat does not purchase a license which covers all his passengers, individuals shall still purchase a license as required by § 28.2-302.1. Purchasers of licenses pursuant to this section will be issued an individual license, at no additional cost, as required in § 28.2-302.1.

B. ~~Owners of noncommercial boats~~ *Holders of licenses issued pursuant to subsection A* shall report catch and other data as are deemed necessary by the Commission for effective fisheries management.

C. All funds collected pursuant to this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund, as established by § 28.2-302.3.

§ 28.2-302.7:1. Reissuance of licenses for recreational boats.

The Commission shall provide for the reissuance of a saltwater recreational fishing license to a person who holds a valid license for a recreational boat issued pursuant to § 28.2-302.7 and who ~~has (i) transferred ownership of the boat, and (ii) is the owner of~~ *owns or operates* another recreational boat. In order to obtain a reissued license for the other recreational boat, the ~~owner~~ *holder of the license* shall furnish to the Commission the license and accompanying decal issued for the boat, and shall provide any additional information required by the Commission of an applicant for a new recreational boat license. If the complete decal cannot be produced intact, the ~~owner~~ *license holder* shall furnish the portion of the decal containing the license number. The cost of reissuing a license shall be five dollars. A reissued license shall be valid for the balance of the term of the original license.

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