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HOUSE BILL NO. 1485

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-302.5 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 28.2 a section numbered 28.2-302.10:1, relating to 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 § 28.2-302.5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 28.2 a section numbered as follows:

§ 28.2-302.5. Exemptions to saltwater recreational fishing license.

~~A.~~ The following persons shall be exempt from the requirements of obtaining a saltwater recreational fishing license as set forth in § 28.2-302.1:

1. A person under the age of sixteen or a person who has attained the age of sixty-five.

2. A person fishing from his own private real property, the nonpaying guest of the owner, or a member of the immediate family of the owner.

3. A person fishing from a licensed recreational boat licensed pursuant to § 28.2-302.7.

4. A person fishing from a licensed headboat, charterboat or pier licensed pursuant to § 28.2-302 or § 28.2-302.8.

5. A person fishing with gear licensed by the Commission.

6. The holder of a valid recreational fishing license issued by another state or jurisdiction, upon determination of reciprocity of the license by the Commissioner.

7. Members of the following groups, as determined by the Commissioner:

a. Organized groups of individuals with physical or mental limitations;

b. Organized groups of military veterans residing in veterans' hospitals; and

c. School groups, grades kindergarten through twelve, participating in school-sponsored trips.

8. A permanently and totally disabled person as defined in § 58.1-3217 holding a special lifetime saltwater recreational fishing license issued pursuant to § 28.2-302.10.

9. *A person holding a lifetime saltwater recreational fishing license issued pursuant to § 28.2-302.10:1.*

§ 28.2-302.10:1. *Lifetime saltwater recreational fishing licenses for residents and nonresidents.*

A. Any resident or nonresident individual may apply for and receive from the Commission a lifetime saltwater recreational fishing license after payment of a fee of \$250, except as provided in subsection C. This license shall be valid for the life of the individual and shall not be transferable.

B. 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.

C. Any resident forty-five years of age or older who applies for the lifetime license authorized by this section shall receive such a license for one of the following fees based on age: age forty-five through fifty, \$200; age fifty-one through fifty-five, \$150; age fifty-six through sixty, \$100; and age sixty-one through sixty-four, \$50.

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