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HOUSE BILL NO. 2279

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 28.2-701 and 28.2-705 of the Code of Virginia, relating to crab and peeler pots.

Patrons—Morgan and Murphy

Referred to Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 28.2-701 and 28.2-705 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-701. Crab traps, crab pots and crab pounds; regulations; penalty.

A. The Commission shall promulgate regulations governing the use, placement, and maintenance of crab traps and crab pounds.

B. The Commission may promulgate regulations establishing the mesh size of crab pots and peeler pots. The regulation may provide for the interchangeable use of the two types of pots, provided that each respective gear is appropriately marked and cull rings in conformance with Commission requirements are installed in each pot.

BC. Any person convicted of violating any provision of a regulation promulgated under this section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

§ 28.2-705. License restrictions; exemption; penalty.

A. It is unlawful to:

1. Take crabs with a rake which is pulled or pushed by a boat;

2. Use a crab pot which has a mesh less than 1 1/2 inches, *unless a different mesh size is promulgated pursuant to subsection B of § 28.2-701;*

3. Place food, except as may be provided for in regulations of the Commission, for adult male (jimmy) crabs in a peeler pot. A peeler pot is exempt from mesh size limitations, *unless a peeler pot mesh size is promulgated pursuant to subsection B of § 28.2-701;*

4. Use a boat when buying crabs which is also used to take or catch hard crabs with dredges, when the Commission has limited the taking of crabs under § 28.2-713.

B. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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