

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 28.2-302.8 of the Code of Virginia, relating to recreational saltwater*  
3 *fishing.*

4 [H 2601]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 28.2-302.8 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 28.2-302.8. Headboat or charterboat; rental boats.

9 *A. The Commission may establish the sale of a fishing guide license. If established, such fishing*  
10 *guide license shall be required for each charterboat and headboat captain. The Commission may limit*  
11 *the sale of such licenses to nonresidents when deemed necessary by the Commission for effective*  
12 *fisheries management. The application for the license shall include a copy of the applicant's current*  
13 *U.S. Coast Guard license permitting him to carry passengers for hire. The fee for the license shall not*  
14 *exceed \$ 100. The Commission may reduce the fee charged for the saltwater recreational fishing license*  
15 *under subsection B by an amount equal to the fee for the fishing guide license.*

16 ~~A.~~ B. The owner of a headboat or charterboat annually shall purchase a recreational fishing license  
17 which covers his customers to meet the requirements set forth in § 28.2-302.1. The annual cost of the  
18 license shall be \$150 for uninspected vessels licensed by the United States Coast Guard to carry six  
19 fishing passengers or fewer and, for boats United States Coast Guard certified to carry a number of  
20 fishing passengers greater than six, \$150 plus \$4 for each passenger over six for which the boat is  
21 designed.

22 ~~B.~~ C. The owner of a boat rental service shall purchase a recreational fishing license which covers  
23 his customers to meet the requirements set forth in § 28.2-302.1. The annual cost of the license shall be  
24 \$7.50 per boat with a maximum fee of \$500, whichever is less.

25 ~~C.~~ D. Charterboat and headboat operators shall report such data as are deemed necessary by the  
26 Commission for the effective fisheries management as a condition of issuance of the license.

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