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HOUSE BILL NO. 319

Offered January 9, 2008

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-312 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special fishing permits for certain veterans.

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-312 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-312. Special fishing permits for certain veterans.

Upon application received from the director or other comparable official of representing any veterans hospital or other military hospital in Virginia, any adjoining state, or the District of Columbia, the Director may permit any organized group of patients (i) actually residing in such hospitals or (ii) actively receiving outpatient medical treatment to fish without licenses in any public waters open to fishing, except in including designated waters stocked with trout and in waters where a daily fishing fee has been imposed pursuant to § 29.1-318. The application for the permit shall state the date or dates upon which it will be used, the general area in which it will be used, and the name of the person or organization responsible for the group.