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HOUSE BILL NO. 1553

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-305 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Game and Inland Fisheries' authority to establish separate bear, deer, and turkey licenses.

Patron—Wilt

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-305 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-305. Special license for hunting bear, deer and turkey; authority of Board to create bear, deer, and turkey licenses.

A. A special license is required for hunting bear, deer, and turkey in ~~this~~ *the* Commonwealth, which shall be in addition to the license required to hunt other game. The fee for the special license shall be \$12 for a resident age 16 or older, \$7.50 for a resident under the age of 16, and \$60 for a nonresident 16 years of age or older, \$15 for a nonresident 12 years of age to 15 years of age, and \$12 for a nonresident younger than 12 years of age.

B. The Board may create a separate special ~~license~~ *licenses* for the hunting of (i) bear, (ii) deer, and (iii) turkey in ~~this~~ *the* Commonwealth. The fee for such a special license *to hunt bear* shall be \$25 for residents and \$150 for nonresidents. *The fee for such a special license to hunt deer or to hunt turkey shall not exceed the amount charged to purchase a state resident hunting license under subdivision 2 of § 29.1-303 or to purchase a state nonresident hunting license under subdivision 3 of § 29.1-303.* A person who obtains a *separate* special license for hunting bear, deer, or turkey shall also be required to obtain the state resident license or state nonresident license pursuant to § 29.1-303. If a *separate* special ~~license~~ *licenses* to hunt bear ~~is~~, deer, and turkey are established by the Board, the special license required in subsection A shall ~~authorize the hunting of deer and turkey only~~ *no longer be provided*.

C. The license to hunt bear, deer and turkey or, if authorized by the Board, the ~~license~~ *separate special licenses* to hunt bear, deer or turkey may be obtained from the clerk or agent of any county or city whose duty it is to sell hunting licenses.

D. The Board may subsequently revise the cost of licenses set forth in this section pursuant to § 29.1-103.

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