

## 2012 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 196

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-305 of the Code of Virginia, relating to haul seine nets.*

Patron—Lewis

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

#### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

#### 1. That § 28.2-305 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 28.2-305. Size of mesh and length and depth of certain nets; penalty.

A. It is unlawful for any person to use the following nets:

1. A pound net or a mullet gill net that is less than 200 yards long having a smaller mesh than two inches, stretched measure, after having been tarred; or

2. A haul seine longer than 1,000 yards and if over 200 yards long having mesh less than three inches, stretched measure; ~~and~~ *however, the mesh of up to 400 feet of the net shall be no less than two and one-half inches, stretched measure, when the haul seine is set from the beach whereby one end of the net is anchored to the shore and the other end is mechanically drawn, without the aid of a boat or vessel, to the shore; or*

3. A mullet gill net deeper than forty meshes.

B. It is unlawful to set a pound net or other fixed fishing device on an established and presently used haul seine area, except that this provision shall not affect a pound net stand presently licensed.

C. A violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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