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**SENATE BILL NO. 147**

Senate Amendments in [ ] - January 31, 2012

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-520 of the Code of Virginia, relating to times for training of bear hounds.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Puckett

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

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

**1. That § 29.1-520 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 29.1-520. Times for hunting.

A. Nonmigratory game birds and game animals may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Bears may be hunted without capturing or taking ~~from one-half hour before sunrise until four and one-half hours after sunset~~ [ *by day or by night from 4:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.* ] during bear hound training season.

B. Fur-bearing animals and nuisance species of birds and animals may be hunted by day or by night, except that muskrats may be hunted by day only.

C. A violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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